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HITLER HANGS HIS WARNINGS ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE

BLOCKADE IS MAKING THE NAZIS SQUEAL

STOCKHOLM, DEC. 28 (REUTER).—THE BELIEF EXISTS IN BERLIN THAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE NOW ENDEAVOURING TO FORCE SWEDEN AND TURKEY TO ABANDON THEIR NEUTRALITY, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAGBLADET."

The Germans think that the violent anti-Soviet campaign may induce Turkey to enter the war on the side of the Allies, while the question of assistance to Finland is intended to serve the same purpose in the case of Sweden.

EXETER'S CASUALTY LISTS

Lt. Cdr. Bowman: Manifold Among Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

IN response to many requests from naval men in Hongkong, the "Telegraph" has obtained by cable from the London office of "United Press" the full list of casualties aboard H.M.S. Exeter, resulting from the ship's historic engagement with the Admiral Graf Spee.

The Exeter, for some time, took on the creditable name of "pocket battle ship," singlehanded, and although terribly pounded, hit back so effectively that with the subsequent assistance of H.M.S. Achilles and H.M.S. Ajax, was able to force the German warship into a neutral port, seriously damaged.

Here is the full list of the Exeter's casualties:

OFFICERS

Killed

Lieut.-Commander John Bowman-Manifold.

Midshipman John S. Rickford.

Paymaster Sub-Lieut. Donald H. Tyler.

Captain Humphrey R. D. Wood.

Royal Marine.

Missing, Believed Killed

Acting Sub-Lieut. Clyde A. L. More.

Wounded

Promotional Paymaster Sub-Lieut. Jack E. Causton.

Acting Gunner Thomas J. Lynn.

Paymaster Midshipman Leslie D. E. Nathan Penn-Gaskell.

RATINGS

Killed

E.R.A. (4th Class) F. E. E. Back.

A.B. F. Bethell.

A.B. J. Bethell.

Marine B. Blandford.

Ordinary Seaman R. M. Bowes.

Stoker Petty Officer D. Bright.

Stoker (1st class) S. M. Burns.

Stoker (1st class) F. P. Campbell.

A.B. R.M.H. Clarkson.

Marine A. J. Croker.

A.B. G. L. Davies.

Acting Petty Officer G. H. Dove.

Shipwright (third class) F. W. G. Dyer.

A.B. F. T. French.

A.B. S. C. Gibson.

Marine S. P. Harrington.

Petty Officer Telegraphist H. Harris.

Chief Yeoman Signals A. Higgins-bottom.

Boy Bugler R. B. Hill.

Leading Signaller L. F. Honey.

Stoker Petty Officer A. S. Jones.

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The "Nachtausgabe" declares that Britain's aim is to secure Swedish ore, and it warns neutrals against supporting the latest anti-Russian tendencies.

NAZI MUST NOW FIGHT ON

The Berlin correspondent of the "Nyheter" states that it is now emphasised in official circles in Berlin that "Britain's war" can only be decided by fighting until Germany wins.

The Pope's Christmas address has created no impression on Germans, who state that the time has now arrived for weapons to speak.

The correspondent adds that it is believed in Berlin that Britain and France intend to sharpen the blockade and that this will necessitate increased pressure against neutrals.

COUNTRY DEVASTATED

GREATEST DISASTER

80 Villages Razed In Turkey's 'Quake'

ISTANBUL, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—While exact details are unlikely to be available for many days, yesterday's earthquake was undoubtedly the greatest natural disaster ever to have befallen the country.

Twelve provincial towns and over 80 villages have been partly or completely wrecked.

President Inönü, as well as the Ministers of the Interior and Health, are hastening to the devastated area in which scenes of suffering and despair everywhere greeted the relief parties.

Lanchow Raid

Japanese Bombers Shot Down

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—At least three Japanese bombers were shot down in aerial battles on Tuesday when 99 planes in three groups raided Lanchow, capital of the Kansu province, according to Chinese reports.

As the Japanese aircraft appeared over Lanchow, it is stated, Chinese pursuit planes engaged them.

HEROES OF GRAF SPEE BATTLE PROMOTED

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Admiralty communique No. 1927 announces recognition of the services in action against the Admiral Graf Spee in the following promotions, to date from December 13:

Commander D. H. Everett, H.M.S. Ajax, to Captain;

Lt. Commander R. B. Jennings and Lt. Commander C. J. Smith,

H.M.S. Exeter, and Lt. Commander P. T. A. Love, H.M.S. Achilles,

to Commanders.

The Wilhelmstrasse considers that Britain and France are incapable of carrying on alone, and therefore they are seeking to excite neutrals against Germany.

The Wilhelmstrasse has issued a warning that "those not against us are safe and those adhering to France and Britain are Germany's enemies, and will be treated accordingly."

Soviet Demands On Bulgaria

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—It is reported that during the Soviet-Bulgarian trade negotiations, the Russians asked for military advantages and rights, coupled with naval bases in the Black Sea, in return for economic concessions to Bulgaria.

NAZIS IN AMERICA

One Flees Country; Another In Jail

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—A report from the Dies Committee charges that Doctor Colin Ross, a Nazi propagandist, recently toured the United States in a special motor car equipped with movie cameras, with which he attempted to photograph "specialised industrial plants."

The report charges that such a practice apparently comes within the category of espionage and recommends his permanent expulsion from the United States.

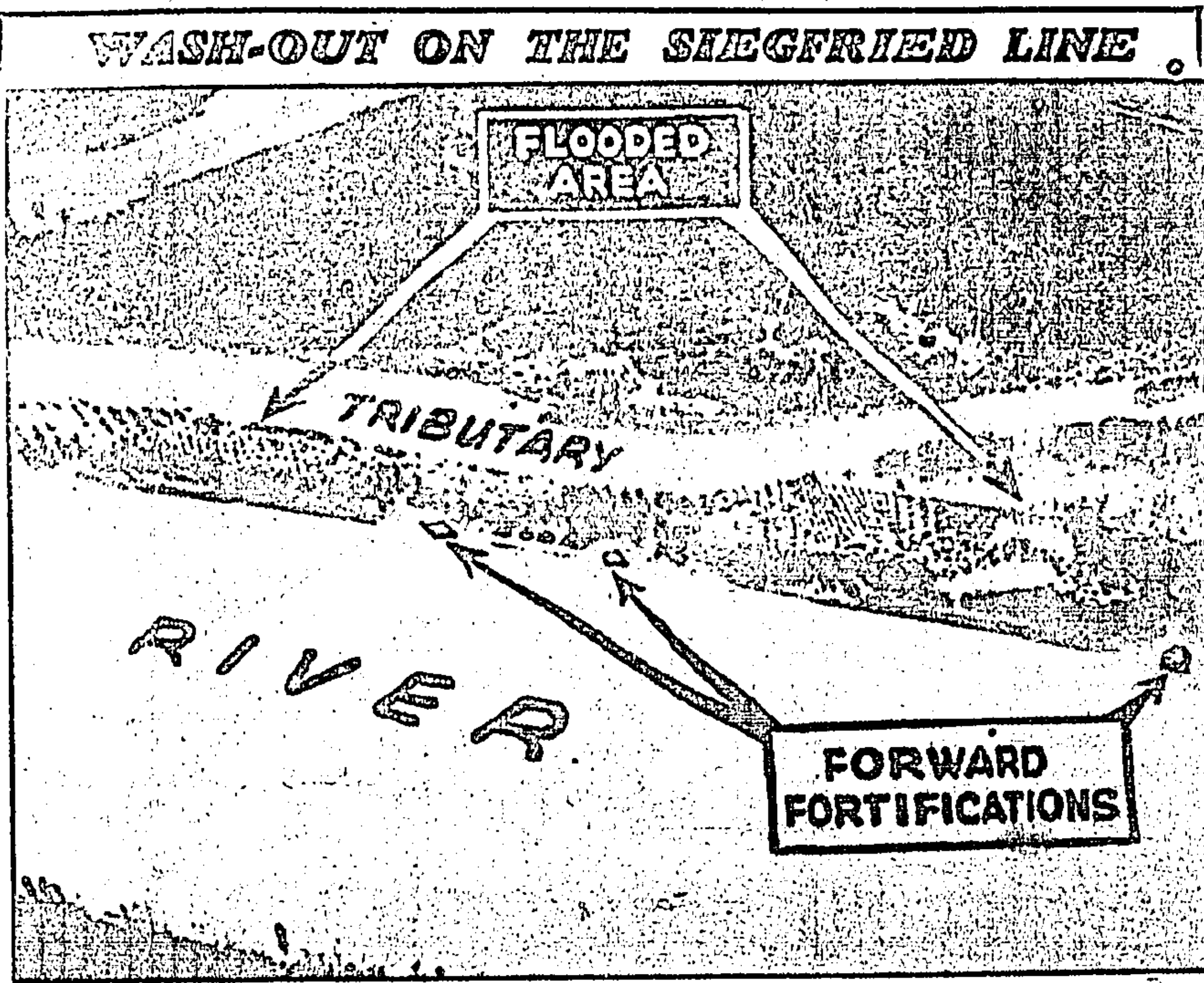
Dr. Ross sailed for Japan on March 17.

Bund Man Indicted

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—The New York Grand Jury has charged James Wheeler-Hill, National Secretary of the German American Bund, with perjury in connection with alleged contradictions given in his testimony before the Grand Jury and Court during the Fritz Kuhr trial.

The charge resulted in his immediate arrest.

Wheeler-Hill pleaded not guilty to the charges and is now on \$2,000 bail, pending trial on January 20.



This picture, received in Hongkong last night, is the first to reach the Colony of the flooded Siegfried Line. It was taken during one of the many reconnaissance flights made by Allied planes, and shows fortifications of the West Wall under water at a point near a river bank.

Amazing Russian Reverses In Arctic Continue

FINNISH INVASION OF U.S.S.R. MEETS SUCCESS

HELSINGFORS, DEC. 28 (REUTER).—WHILE FIGHTING CONTINUES ON RUSSIAN SOIL EAST OF LIEKSA, THE FINNS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE PUSHED THE RED ARMY ACROSS THE FRONTIER AT A NEW POINT SOME MILES NORTHWARD.

Fighting is continuing in the border region of Kivivaara. Reports received here suggest that the Soviet Command is preparing a determined attempt to retrieve the situation near Suomussalmi, where the invaders recently suffered a severe reverse.

EX-GERMAN PILOTS JOIN THE ALLIES

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 28. (Reuter).—Three airmen, ex-German pilots of the last war, have joined the Active Citizens Unit of the South African Air Force.

Their names are not being made public because they still have relatives in Germany, but one of them is one of the most famous war pilots Germany ever had.

BOY SAVES SIX MEN

New Epic Of The Sea Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Six survivors of the torpedoed British ship, Arlington Court, were saved through the skill of an 18-year-old boy, it was learned in London today.

At Tiller For 6 Days

He and six others got into a water-logged lifeboat and he was the only one who knew how to navigate her. He kept at the boat's tiller for six days, steering her by means of a small compass until he brought them into a busy shipping lane, where they were picked up by a passing ship.

The Russians are attacking to the north of Suomussalmi with the evident object of making another attempt to break through the "wasp waist" to Oulu at the head of the Gulf of Finland. Soviet troops dispersed at Suomussalmi have been re-concentrated against the Finnish centre for a new drive.

Railway Threatened

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Two detachments of Finnish air troops are now in Soviet Russia and are heading for the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway with the object of cutting it.

In view of their small numbers, they are avoiding heavy engagements. They have headed for Kandalaksha, which is situated at the spot where the railway skirts the White Sea at its northern end.

If they can cut the railway and hang on in that area, the Soviets will be unable to get reinforcements and supplies through to the Petsamo front.

On the Petsamo front, the Russians have completely lost the initiative and are practically in a state of siege.

Tanks Form Fortress

A Finnish officer who has just returned from that area reports that at least 100 Soviet tanks are snow-bound and in many cases the Finns have found their crews frozen to death inside.

The crews of others are either surrounded or have fled. In other cases, Soviet tank detachments have placed their tanks in a circle, forming a small but effective fortress. They are difficult to attack but at the same time they are isolated and useless to the main drive.

On the central front, the Soviets have lost large quantities of men and equipment. PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

AID FROM ITALIANS

Volunteers Reported To Have Arrived

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—It is freely reported that at least 2,000 Italian volunteers have arrived to fight against the Soviets, but this is not confirmed as yet in official circles.

At the same time, three Swedish volunteer contingents have arrived, and a large Danish ambulance unit is on the way.

The appeals from Finland for active as well as moral support have received a reply in the broadcast by the Norwegian Foreign Minister. He said that Norway must pursue her course of non-participation because her whole defence system is based on that idea.

Nevertheless Norway joins wholeheartedly in all appeals for moral and humanitarian aid.

East Africa's War Expenditure

NAIROBI, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—An official statement reveals that, with certain exceptions, the war-time expenditure of East African territories will be met from Imperial funds.

The Government will be asked to pay only 25 per cent. annually above their peace-time military expenditure.

Singapore Chinese Leader Expelled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Government has issued an expulsion order against a prominent Chinese resident, Mr. Hau Say-hoan, a member of the China Relief Fund Committee which sends millions of dollars annually to China.

Mr. Hau is alleged to have encouraged unlawful societies under the cloak of genuinely patriotic activities.

In addition to being a member of the Fund Committee, he is a Director of a Singapore newspaper and the manager of an insurance company.

Sir Alexander Small, the Colonial Secretary, attended a meeting of the Fund Committee and stated that Mr. Hau personally encouraged the activities of unlawful societies—the Vanguard Corps and an Anti-enemy Society—and was backing up a society which had committed many acts of violence and terrorism in the name of Chinese patriotism. Sir Alexander said that these dangerous societies were closely connected, while the Anti-enemy Society was the organ of the Malayan Communist Party, which in itself was a dangerous subversive organisation aiming at the overthrow of the government by open revolution.

Danger To Peace

Sir Alexander referred to leaflets issued by the Anti-enemy Society and drew attention to particularly inflammatory passages and drawings. "While the government sympathises sincerely with the Chinese in China, these illegal organisations have become a danger to the peace and good order of the Colony," he said. Mr. Hau is required to leave Malaya before December 31 and must not return.

LATEST

MINE DISASTER RUMOUR DENIED

SENSATIONAL RUMOURS WERE CURRENT IN HONGKONG THIS MORNING THAT THE 1,665-TON STEAMER MACAO, OF THE TAI SANG STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S FLEET, HAD STRUCK A MINE OFF CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND, IN HONG KONG TERRITORIAL WATERS.

The rumour is denied by the Tai Sang S. S. Company, and neither naval nor police circles have any information.

The Macao left Hongkong for Macao at 8 o'clock this morning with a large passenger list.

She is a twin-screw steamer engaged in regular ferry service between Hongkong and Macao. She was formerly on the Canton run. Built in France in 1923, the Macao was formerly the s.s. Paul Beau. She is registered in Hongkong.

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Record Crowd At Kwanti

(By "Capt. Foster")

(Continued from Page 6.)

ing round the bend. Mr. Poy rode a good race on the winner.

CANBERRA H'CAP

An Easy Outing

AS predicted, Sea Urchin had an easy outing in the Canberra Handicap for Australian ponies, a 'chuse over 1 1/2 miles, and the mare won as she liked. She has improved immensely, in fact is a class fencer, and we may look forward to see a good match between Major Oliver's candidate and Brutus owned by Mr. G. Treverton.

There was only one spill when Iroquois and Mr. H. J. Cowie came to grief after clearing the fence near Sun Wai village. Bingo, after jumping the first fence, ran out, and the cob did not complete the course.

National Unity (a new comer) followed the field right up to the last obstacle, but instead of completing the last hundred yards from home the pony jumped over the rails to the track reserved for flat racing, and he made a beeline for the main entrance. The rider nearly had an ender.

FANLING CUP

Critics Astounded

HAVING failed in many attempts to win a race at Happy Valley, Jack O'Lantern with his new owner Mr. J. Barrow astounded every critic by romping home first in the Fanling Cup (a flat race over seven furlongs) for "D" class China raters, beating Golden Cow and Estover by a length and two lengths.

There was no question of any fluke for the jockey took the lead at the fall of the red flag, and the pony was never headed again. The combination paid \$50 for a win, which was the biggest dividend of the afternoon.

AS said in my notes, the starting post of five furlongs was in the dip but Palmer was the first pony to come out, and he

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday, the 1st January, 1940. (The first week-day in January.)
Hongkong, 28th December, 1939.

NOTICE

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Shippers are requested to apply to the Secretary for signature of contracts.

W. F. ARNDT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 27, 1939.

was chased by several contenders. There were, however, 11 runners and as the pack reached the distance post, many began to show that they had enough. March Brown, who was running well, disappeared in the rear, but Palmer was still in the lead with Heddon and Gallant Marshal issuing a spirited challenge, and so did Dow-Jones, for the premier honour.

In less than a few seconds the race was over, and Palmer won by a short head. The writer tipped Palmer to win, and the dark-grey gelding paid \$40.10, which closed a perfect day.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I can't find a bit of Grandmother's old lace for your gown—but you can carry her cigarette case!"

C. R.

NOTICE

(English)

ARMS LICENCES

Holders of Arms Licences are reminded that Arms Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1940 (Fee \$10.00 per licence). Licensees should call at the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), with their licences.

(Sd.) T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.
29th December, 1939.

C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1893, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 21 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents	Area	Approx. Price
1	Lot No. 2149	New Kowloon Inland	N. S. E. W.	1. 1/2	5.44	\$47,500
		Between New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2148 and New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2150				
		As per sale plan.				

C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of Crown Land at King's Road near Quarry Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents	Area	Approx. Price
2	Between Inland Lot No. 5741 and Non-Site 5807 and King's Road.					
		As per sale plan.				

Unanimous Support For French Budget

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
PARIS, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Senate, by a vote of 303 to 0, passed the civil budget bill providing for an expenditure of 79,247,000,000 francs. Several Senate amendments require the budget to be returned to the Chamber of Deputies, which must make the final vote prior to midnight on Sunday.

"We'll Hang Our Washing" Succeeds "Tipperary"

ARMY TRAMPS TO A REAL WAR SONG

All over Great Britain, camps, drill halls, and barracks resound with the lusty voices of soldiers singing the chorus of "We'll hang out our washing on the Siegfried Line", the war song which has been popularised in Hongkong by Nick Korin and his Band, swingsters at the Hongkong Hotel "Gripps".

The experience of the Entertainment National Service Association in providing amusement for the troops suggests that this song is likely to be the "Tipperary" of the present war.

ENSA entertainers began at the end of September with the despatch to remote coastal districts of 12 selected concert parties to lighten the monotony of military life. The exact destination of these parties is a closely-guarded secret for military reasons, but it is known that 10 of them went to places in England, and two ventured further north into Scotland.

The activities of ENSA also help towards the solution of the serious problem of unemployment which events have brought about in the theatrical profession. According to an estimate made by the British Actors' Equity Association, only about 800 of England's 8,000 professional actors are at present working, while there is a similar degree of unemployment in the ranks of the theatre's 100,000 ancillary workers.

The first donee concert parties sent by ENSA had been playing at seaside resorts throughout the summer, and had had to close down on the outbreak of war. They were chosen as pioneers, not because of their celebrity, but because they had all their sets, songs, and scenes ready for immediate production.

The whole of the entertainment given to the troops is professional. So seriously has the normal run of theatrical activities been interfered with by the new conditions that there is keen anxiety to preserve exclusively for professional exploitation the opportunities provided by military audiences.

Amateurs have in fact been formally asked not to volunteer their services for the entertainment of the troops.

ENSA was tentatively formed in February last, but it was not fully organised until the outbreak of war. It represents many important theatrical associations, including the Incorporated Society of Musicians, British Actors' Equity, the Variety Artists' Federation, the Concert Artists' Federation, the Musicians' Union, and the Association of Dance Band Leaders.

ENSA works in conjunction with the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institute for National Service Purposes. The N. A. A. F. I. has been in more or less "active existence" ever since 1917, when it grew out of the Army and Navy Concert Board. Its headquarters are now in the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, which has been chosen because its vast stage permits the rehearsal of about 20 shows simultaneously.

Ambitious plans are held for the future, when Mr. Godfrey Tearle, famous English actor, hopes to present a series of full-length plays.

Flight Over Germany

One British Plane Fails To Return

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. carried out a successful reconnaissance flight over north-west Germany.

One plane did not return. Other aircraft included an attack on German ships when a fierce A.A. fire, one bomb at least was seen to hit the stern of one vessel.

In two cases elsewhere three Dornier flying boats were put to rout. There were no British casualties.

German Claims
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BERLIN, Dec. 28 (UP).—The official news agency reports that Lieut. Col. Karl Schumacher, piloting a pursuit plane, shot down an R.A.F. bomber over the German coast today.

Schumacher commanded the squadron which the Germans claimed brought down 30 R.A.F. planes on December 18.

The news agency also reports that the German patrols increased their activity on the western front with "good results".

A report said that, despite bad weather, the Germans carried out a reconnaissance flight over the English coast on Wednesday.

PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA STARTS

CARU, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The start of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca was marked today by the ceremony of the Holy Carpet, which will be laid over the Ka'ba, the most holy relic of Meccah, in the courtyard of the Mosque at Mecca.

Artillerymen Who Shone In The Mud

By PHILIP JORDAN

News Chronicle Correspondent with the B.E.F. FRANCE.

WINTER, after an absence of several days, has come again to this part of France.

Rain, so intense that visibility shrank to comparatively a few yards, soaked the British Expeditionary Force to the skin to-day—but it damped neither their enthusiasm nor their capacity for hard work.

Of the latter there is no end, as a battery of 25-pounders showed this morning in its dress rehearsal for the grimmer events which it anticipates and for which it is fully prepared.

INDIAN TROOPS AGAIN IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—Indian troops, led by British and Indian officers, have arrived in France with a large number of mules.

The men are all Muslims from all parts of India and are accompanied by a smaller "army" of non-combatants—religious teachers, cooks and water carriers.

They have brought their own food with them and in addition will be given certain food supplies given to the B.E.F.—tea, sugar and fresh vegetables.

WESTERN FRONT

Hand To Hand Fighting

Nazis Intensify Their Raids

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—There has been considerable patrol activity on the Western Front by both sides.

One Nazi raid against a small wood near Vosges resulted in some sharp hand to hand fighting, while another in the Saar region was easily repulsed.

French patrols were active east of the Moselle.

Evacuee Troops in France
LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The safe arrival of Indian, Canadian, and Australian troops in Europe was the theme of the Free German Radio broadcast to-day.

The announcer described the arrivals as striking proof of Dr. Goebbels' mendacity, and concluded that Germany was unable to prevent all these men from traversing the sea.

"Now, Goebbels, who is it that rules the Seven Seas?" he asked.

Anglo-French Co-operation
LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—Major-General Frazer, who is in command of the New Zealand troops overseas, said that he was greatly struck by the co-operation he had seen between the British and French troops in France.

Kodacid Activity
PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—A communiqué states that there was reduced activity of contact units.

White Hall Evacuation

15,000 Civil Servants Leave London

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The evacuation of civil servants from London will continue.

It is announced that the Government has reconsidered the matter and it now reaffirms its decision that all Government departments which can function away from London must leave.

One estimate says that 15,000 civil servants have already gone, 5,000 more are expected to go shortly and 60,000 are still in London.

Those who still remain are expected to protest at any extension of the evacuation scheme.

From the sulphurous clouds that covered a little village not far behind our lines the battery drove this morning to take up positions in the mud that grows deeper almost every day.

Signallers also preceded the battery of guns, laying telephone wires from the observation post to headquarters, and from headquarters to the gun troop command post.

They rolled along the lanes in their fast lorries laying cable at the rate of 40 miles every hour.

When the "lead-horses," as old cavalry officers scornfully call their tractors, first came out of the mist and splashed their leisurely way across the ford all was ready for them and for the guns which they trailed behind them.

About 100 yards from its destination the first tractor with its ammunition wagon and gun, turned off the road into the muddy field. Less than three and a quarter miles later its gun was ready to be fired, and the tractor disappeared into a place of comparative safety.

As tractor after tractor—each named as though it was one of the vanished horses which it has replaced—moved across the field the rate became deeper, but not one of the scores of vehicles that are necessary to bring a modern battery to its position of action failed to reach its destination.

In modern war you always use the existing track if you can possibly manage to do so, for a multiplicity of tracks tell spotting aeroplanes that there is activity going on—and that is something which must be concealed at all costs.

Off The Rails

Only one of this morning's guns gave any trouble. It slid off its platform at a point where it was difficult for the gun crew to haul it back.

To get any purchase at all they had to stand in knee-deep mud—and not one of them had gum boots.

Such efficiency as that displayed by the gun crew would have been impressive in even the best conditions, but to-day it was the more so. There was no shouting, no raising of voices; each man knew exactly what to do; and any commands that either the gun troop leader or his sergeant wished to give were spoken in almost a whisper.

The only sound that you could hear was the whirling of the tractors in the mud, and up above, hidden in the clouds, the intermittent humming of distant aeroplanes, all keeping an eye for the enemy who does not come.

France-Japan Relations

Hope Expressed For Improvement

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—A desire to develop existing friendly Franco-Japanese relations was expressed by the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Renzo Sawada, while presenting his credentials to M. Lebrun, the French President.

A leader in "Le Temps" notes with satisfaction the "improvement" in Japan's relations with the Western Powers, and says that the talks with the United States, Britain and France in Tokyo are certainly being developed in an atmosphere of real cordiality in contrast to the reception of Berlin's unsparing advice to Tokyo.

Ribbentrop's Small Hoops
"It does not seem that, come what may, Herr Ribbentrop has any chance of achieving a diplomatic success in Tokyo to compensate for the rebuffs he has suffered elsewhere."

Referring to Russo-Japanese relations, and the suggestion that Russia might accept supporting Chiang Kai-shek, "Le Temps" adds that nothing at present suggests that this idea has made much headway.

POST OFFICE

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

On Monday, the 1st January 1940, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Yai Lung will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Mail Packet Post to all countries suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are sent 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 a.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco Dec. 29, 1939.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 29th Dec. Dec. 29.
Canton Dec. 29.
Shanghai Dec. 29.
Sundakan Dec. 29.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd Dec.) Dec. 29.
Japan and Shanghai Dec. 30.
Shanghai Dec. 30.
Straits Dec. 30.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa Dec. 31.
Japan and Straits Dec. 31.
London and Amoy Dec. 31.
Shanghai and Amoy Dec. 31.
Straits and Saigon Dec. 31.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane Dec. 31.

Haiphong and Hanoi Jan. 1.
Haiphong, Hanoi and Port Boyard Jan. 1.
Shanghai Jan. 1.
Straits Jan. 1.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London Date 29th Dec. Jan. 2.
Japan Jan. 3.
Java and Manila Jan. 3.
Shanghai Jan. 3.

OUTWARD MAILS

Friday, Dec. 29
Bangkok Dec. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Haiphong Dec. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Saigon, Sundakan, Madang, Salamaua and Tulagi Dec. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Japan Dec. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Hong Kong and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 5th January K.P.O.

Reg. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 16th January. G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Par. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Reg. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London—due London, 6th February. G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Parcels Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Reg. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
Saigon Dec. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada and South America and Central via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 17th January, 1940. G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Parcels Dec. 29, 11.00 a.m.
Reg. Dec. 29, 12.45 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong Dec. 29, 2.00 p.m.
Shanghai Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th January 1940. G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Reg. Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 7th January. G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Reg. Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 30th January and London—due London, 6th February. G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Parcels Dec. 30, 5.00 p.m.
Reg. Dec. 30, 5.45 a.m.
Ord. Dec. 30, 6.30 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31

Canton Dec. 31, 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai Dec. 31, 8.00 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2

Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya Dec. 31, 9.00 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 16th January. K.P.O.

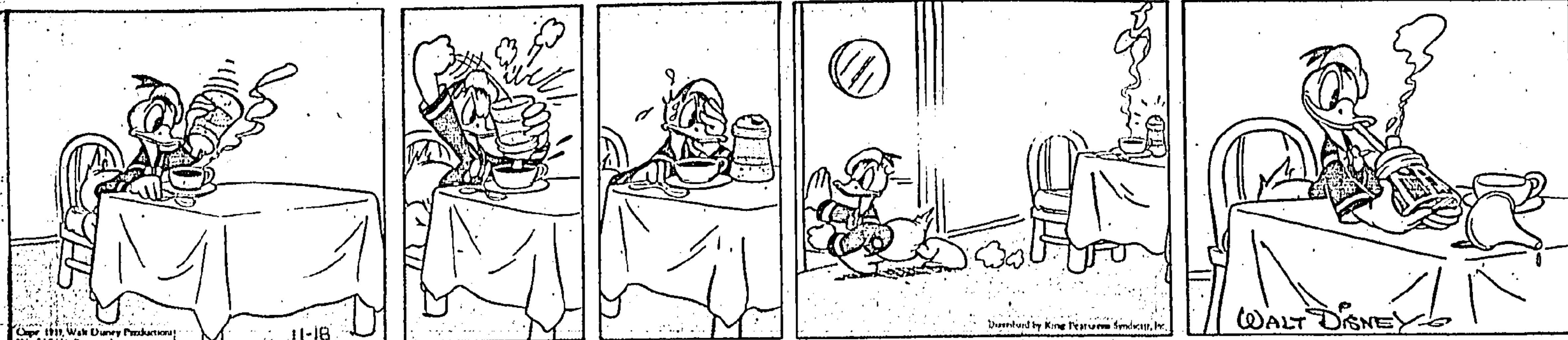
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G.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 2, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 2, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaysia, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 5th January. K.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 2, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 2, 5.30 p.m.
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Canton Dec. 31, 7.00 p.m.

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INSIDE NEWS

Mussolini has called for a report on progress of the Brenner fortifications on the German frontier, begun some months ago. He is taking no chances.

Nazi experts have discovered that the explosive used in the Munich bomb Hitler escaped was invented by a Jewish chemist, Gabriel Emmerich, who committed suicide in Dachau camp after Himmler had interned him.

The explosive is known as No. 17. Its formula was found among Emmerich's effects, tried out by experts and kept in reserve. It was used for the first time in the Munich bomb.

Gestapo is trying to discover how the secret leaked out.

Hitler's faith in astrology has been shaken. His favourite seer, Dr. Huber, is in a concentration camp.

For six months almost all Huber's prognostications have gone wrong. He supported Ribbentrop in forecasting that Britain would not fight. He also said the stars foretold Balkan diplomatic successes. Then Turkey went pro-Allies.

His fall came when, in a published horoscope, he compared Hitler with Wallenstein, great General in the Thirty Years' War. Thousands of readers wrote pointing out Wallenstein was murdered by his own officers. This so angered Hitler that Himmler acted.

Gas Corps Work

PARIS—French women are busy in the formation of a new corps for war service. Their efforts have the full approval of the "passive defence" authorities.

The new corps is destined for special work during gas attack. It consists of some 150 women and is not likely to expand to much larger dimensions since its requirements are stringent.

The corps is composed of motor drivers and chemists, and both will work in an emergency under the direct orders of the police.

French women are at this time

showing themselves in no way lacking in courage. Although warned that the towns and countryside of their eastern frontiers offer the most precarious living conditions, they refuse to leave them so long as any possibility of useful work remains to be done there. From all over the country come offers of help from women who are ready to leave places of comparative safety in order to undertake work made necessary by war conditions.

A corps of auxiliary airwomen has been set up in Paris. Members of Les Françaises décorées de la Légion d'Honneur have opened a bureau at which are received offers from women for all kinds of war work.

FRENCH LAY GLASS AS TRAP FOR NAZIS

By SEFTON DELMER,
Daily Express War Reporter

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.

OVER on the little bit of front which I watched, the Germans took not the slightest notice of the coming-of-age of Armistice Day, and from what I hear from other sectors, they don't seem to have let off the burst of strafing we had all rather expected from them for 11 a.m. November 11, 1939, seventieth day of the new war.

Ex-Kaiser "banned gas bombs"

GAS bombs were not dropped on London in the last war because the Kaiser forbade it at the last moment—so says Mr. Edward J. Bing, journalist, soldier and traveller in his autobiography "Of the Meek and the Mighty."

In Berlin, after the war, a former Zeppelin commander told him the Germans had perfected a deadly gas bomb.

"And why was it never used?" asked Mr. Bing.

"Well," said the commander, "my Zeppelin was provided with the bombs immediately the invention was completed, and I had orders to drop them on London."

Just In Time

"We were all set to take off, and I was just going into the gondola when a phone call came through from me-from-Spa."

"G.H.Q. this end. That Captain O.Z. Glad I got you in time. You are on no account to take those gas bombs with you S.M. (for Seine Majesty), His Majesty, meaning the Kaiser) wishes them to be left behind."

The commander said he was also ordered to use the bombs on Verdun, and again the Kaiser said "No" at the last moment.

Once the officer was just off to bomb a house three miles behind the French lines in which it was known King George V, Marshal Joffre, and Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Asquith were staying, when he was told the command had been cancelled.

Once more it was "S.M.'s orders." Reason given by the German officer: "The Kaiser is deeply religious."

I stood beside the solitary guard left behind the sandbagged parapet at the French end of the Strasbourg-Kehl bridge.

Along the barrel of his machine-gun I squinted down the black iron bridge which I have crossed so often, past the broken bottles at the French end—"If they try to come up in the night we shall hear them crunching in the glass"—past the two barbed-wire barricades, the first French, the second German, to the German blockhouse and sandbagged parapet at the other end.

Nothing moved there. There was no sound. Only the Rhine kept swirling swollen, yellow and dirty, under the bridge.

The mist hid what was behind the Customs House. (Wonder whether they've left the Turkish bath and climatization arrangement of the pictures in the Customs House—Goering to greet you as you enter, Hitler in main room to hot you, and Himmler as a cold shower to send you off into Nazi Germany.)

Then, just as I heard the voice of the captain, "Fixed. Present arms!" at the bridge guard posted outside, the mist lifted a bit on the other bank and I saw them to the left of the bridge in front of a yellow villa on the Rhine edge.

Two figures were bobbing under a piece of camouflaged tarpaulin—two German soldiers in the dirty grey of their fatigue dress.

They scuttled down a shallow communication—trench—and, were gone. Deep and clear came the captain's voice from behind me: "Soldiers," he said, "twenty-one years ago to-day Fritz surrendered."

"Now he has forced war on us again. Once more we shall force him to surrender. The valour of those who fought him and defeated him before lives on. The valour of the soldiers of France, Britain, the United States and our other Allies."

"It is their example we shall follow, we and our British comrades. As we stand here to-day facing the same enemy that they faced, we vow that those who fell in those four years shall not have fought and died in vain."

Across the Rhine the two Germans popped out again as the tarpaulin flapped. They had stayed. From somewhere near them started up the grinding noise of a concrete mixer making cement for another bit of fortification.

The soldiers behind me stood to attention grim and silent. Listening to the present, thinking of the past, promising for the future.

Then again came the captain's command. The soldiers' rifles slipped back to their shoulders. A minute later they were back once more in their positions—guarding their bridge, which still connects Germany with France.

They watched, but not a shot was fired. As a matter of fact, here at Strasbourg-on-the-Rhine, the only guns that go off are the anti-aircraft guns firing at reconnaissance planes which, day after day, make their patrols up and down the river.

So far, Hitler has made no attempt to bombard Strasbourg. It would not be healthy for him if he did. The French have their artillery, too.

But although things are quiet here for the moment, their's none willing

to bet they will stay that way. Strasbourg has been emptied of its 200,000 inhabitants—ready for the worst.

Only a thousand remain, brave men and women who have stayed or to see that their town stays clean while it waits for its fate.

It was my second visit to Strasbourg since the evacuation. But still it had the same effect on me. I have seen plenty of deserted towns in my time, but never one that was not in ruins, not in process of being looted either by its own defenders or the enemy.

Strasbourg is clean, fresh and intact. Shop windows still show their wares. I felt sick watching the sweepers at work on the fallen leaves in the clean, empty streets, the workmen at the cathedral entrance protective covering against shell splinters on the Gothic masonry, the filling in clean white paper in place of the stained ones they had removed from its tall windows.

It was like seeing a beautiful woman dressed to face the guillotine.

Some day Strasbourg may be shelled as a punishment for a German reverse.

Merle Oberon Surprise

NEW YORK—Merle Oberon and her husband, Alexander Korda, puzzled Hollywood recently by issuing a joint statement, saying: "We don't know whether everything is all right or not."

Later Mr. Korda said: "Everything is all right; I don't want to talk now." Still later, Merle said: "Everything is NOT all right; we're going to talk it over."

Mr. Korda arrived in New York with the British film "The Lion Has Wings." Miss Oberon has been over here for a month. They were married last June in the town hall of Antibes, on the Riviera.

100 New Warships For Navy

73 for Nazis

THE British Navy will be strengthened in the coming months by 100 first-class warships, and the German Navy by seventy-three, according to details in the new issue of Jane's Fighting Ships.

The British programme, says Fighting Ships (Sampson and Low, 52s. 6d.), is:

Battleships	9	Destroyers	23
Aircraft carriers	2	Submarines	11
Cruisers	23	Escort vessels	24
Minelayers	4		

The German programme is given as:

Battleships	4	Destroyers	2
Aircraft carriers	2	Torpedo boats	30
Heavy cruisers	3	Submarines	28(?)
Light cruisers	4		

Four of the British battleships are launched, and are due for completion early next year.

Two German battleships were launched last spring after being three years on the stocks. They may not be completed before 1941.

The total of U-boats building only represents those known to be in hand last summer. Many more have been ordered since, but none of this new construction, to judge by the details in Fighting Ships, can be delivered before next August.

Russia's Fleet

The twenty-eight boats under construction this summer are all that the Germans can add to their fleet in the next few months.

Russia has the biggest submarine force in the world, the figures given being 150 completed and twenty building. A large proportion of these are in the Far East.

America is building the world's largest aircraft carrier—the Hornet. She will cost £2,350,000, will carry eighty-three planes, with space for stowing another seventeen, and will house 2,072 officers and men. The Hornet will thus have forty machines and 500 crew more than the British Ark Royal.

CARADOC FUELLING Challenged By U.S. Senator

WASHINGTON (AP).—Senator Rush D. Holt has demanded that the United States Navy give a "complete explanation" of why the British light cruiser Caradoc was allowed to load fuel at the San Diego, Calif., naval depot recently. Before the war H.M.S. Caradoc was attached to China Station.

Senator Holt, member of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, said "there should be some exceptional reason for allowing armed warships of a belligerent to come into an American port, load oil and then depart." He added that "it appears some public officials are trying to get this country involved."

Chairman Sol Bloom of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, told reporters that "the Senator is unduly alarmed and I think he'll get a satisfactory answer" from acting Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison.

Mr. Bloom called attention to a section of the neutrality act allowing belligerent warships to enter American harbours. Under that section they must leave within 24 hours after taking aboard only enough fuel to carry them to the closest port of their country.

The Caradoc left San Diego presumably for the Canadian base at Esquimaux, B.C.

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Ten thousand pounds will be spent by Al Capone's relatives in an effort to win national popularity and respect for America's one-time Number One bad man.

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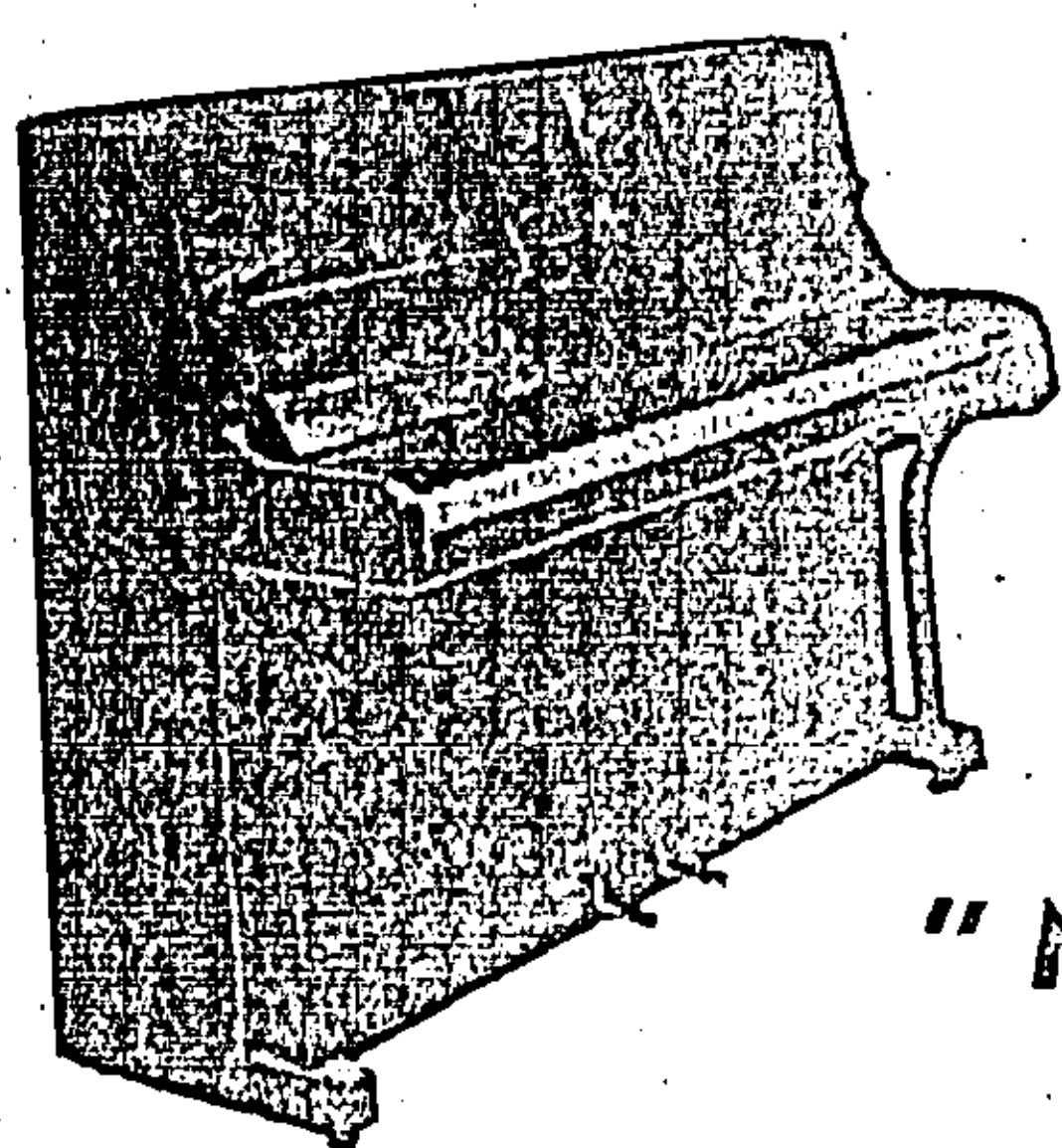
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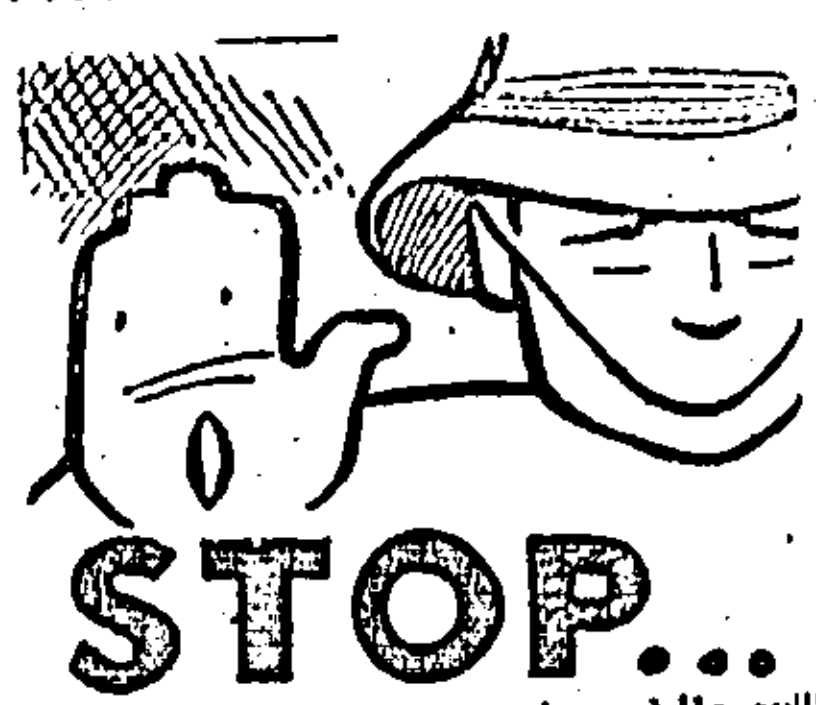
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The Military Moustache

IT seems that, as a result of their being called up for service in the army, the youth of Britain are showing an increased tendency to cultivate the moustache. Not one of a very luxuriant variety; for, although the military authorities are not inclined to split hairs at this point, anything in the nature of a "walrus" or a "sea-lion" might be frowned on. It is the clapper "tooth-brush" that is the hair-apparent of those mighty beards that once waved at-Batavia-and-Lucknow—in the days before the gas-mask had come and left the unshaven chin bristling with difficulties.

Perhaps there is some significance to be seen in this evolution of the military countenance. For the fierce aspect of the "old moustache," and the rude, uncouth appearance bestowed by a shaggy mane, were once held, no doubt, to be symbols of the soldier's nature; but it is plain that little of this earlier concept of him lingers, if one may judge from the lip-service it receives.

Eros—Evacuee

One of London's most famous figures recently appeared on the list of "evacuees," when the statue of Eros was removed from Piccadilly Circus. It was a very high compliment; for although His Majesty's Office of Works has sent James II into exile, taken away from the House of Commons a bust of Cromwell, and erected a scaffold for Charles I in Whitehall, this time to protect him, it has left the rest of London's statues to stand their ground unsheltered.

The average Londoner takes little exception to this since he has always had a feeling that "they'd none of them be missed." But this does not apply to Eros. Eros made a pleasant contrast to those eminent gentlemen who "sleep in dull, cold marble" all over London's squares, but who, wrapped in their frock coats, or frogged uniforms, are, in the Londoner's view, so far from being sleeping beauties.

The city evidently recognised the fact: it would much rather have seen the captains and the kings depart, not to mention the politicians, and it paid Eros a tribute that it seldom pays to them—it looked at him. He conquered not only its attention, but its affection; and although when peace returns, the Stuarts may enjoy another Restoration, they will hardly receive such an ovation as will conquering Eros.

BLOCKADE NEWS REEL

A GLANCE at the map will show you why Napoleon, more than a century ago, cursed the geographical situation of Great Britain, why Hitler curses that same inescapable fact to-day.

The heavy lines show the sea routes by which in peace-time industrialised, urbanised Germany receives her main imports of iron ore, wool, oil, cotton, wheat, coffee, fruit, butter, coal, timber, copper and tin from the U.S.A., Argentine, Brazil, India, China and Japan.

To reach Germany all the North and South Atlantic sea routes must converge into two main traffic lines, both dominated by the British Navy. The northern routes must pass somewhere between the 250-mile span between Northern Scotland and Southern Norway, the southern routes must pass up the English Channel, through the 20-mile Straits of Dover. Those 270 miles control 85 per cent. of Germany's overseas trade routes, and those 270 miles are controlled by Britain.

Further South, the great Mediterranean trade routes can also be controlled by the Allied navies from several bases. At Suez, Malta and Gibraltar vessels can be inspected for contraband.

HOW BLOCKADE WORKS

During the last war the blockade of Germany was maintained by the 10th Cruiser Squadron. At its maximum strength this included 20 armed merchant cruisers, comprising ships of the Allan, White Star, Orient, Anchor, P. & O., Union Castle, Royal Mail, Furness Withy, Elders & Fyffes and other lines.

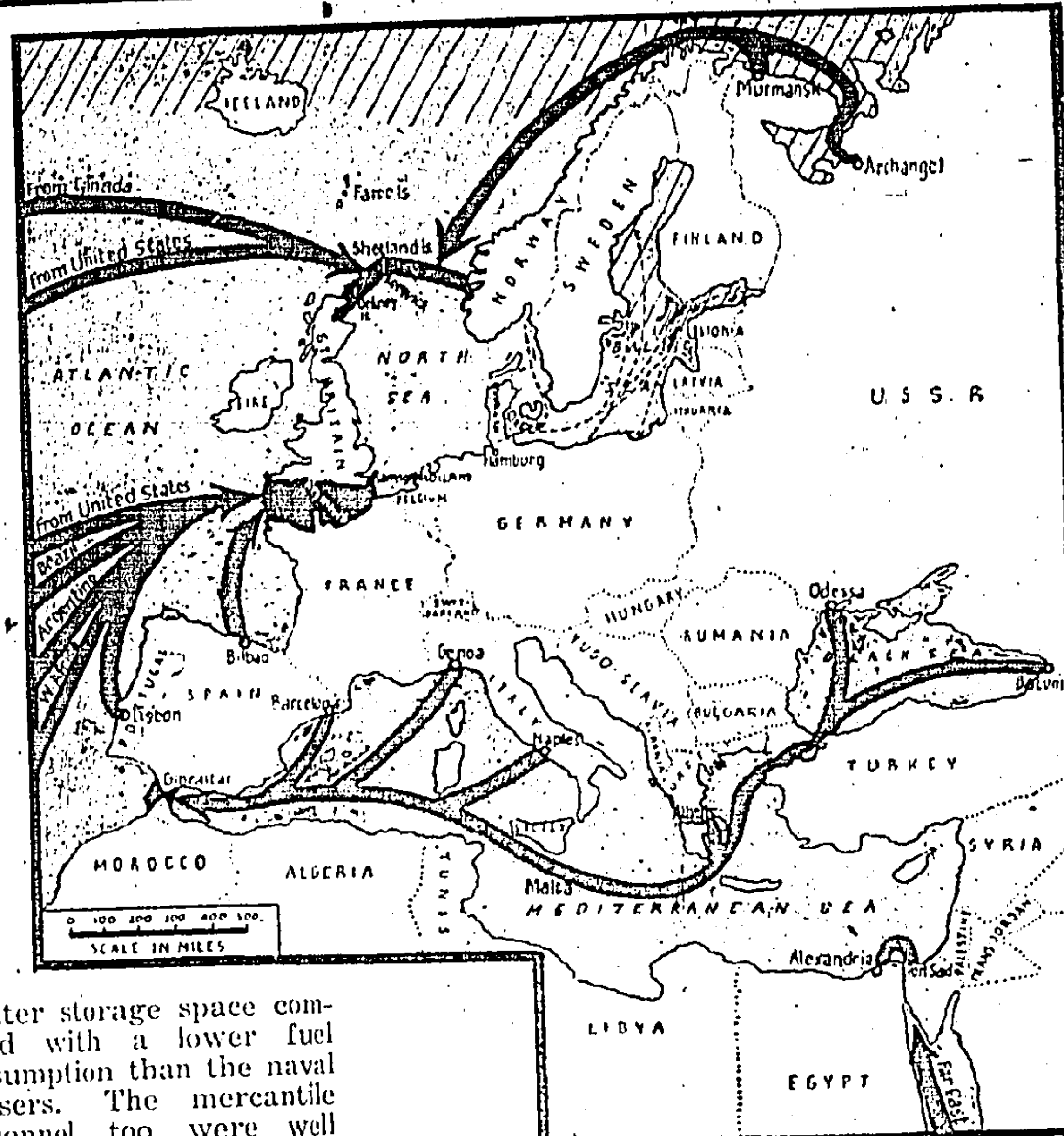
These were commanded by naval officers, but otherwise the personnel was mainly R.N.R. (ex-mercantile). Experience during the first few months of the blockade proved these to be much better suited for such work than the old naval cruisers employed at the beginning. This procedure not only released naval men for strictly naval duties, but the merchant cruisers had

greater storage space combined with a lower fuel consumption than the naval cruisers. The mercantile personnel, too, were well trained in spotting other merchant vessels, and any odd features about these vessels.

These merchant cruisers were armed with 6in. and 3in. guns, and their fuelling capacity enabled them to stay at sea for periods varying up to 30 days. Vessels were divided into patrols which covered the whole area from Iceland to the Hebrides, and as ice prevents ships from passing north of Iceland for several months of the year it was only necessary to keep that section patrolled during the summer months. In the map above, the scored area represents the extent of the ice during the winter months.

As a general rule ships were about 30 miles apart, since visibility for the look-out in the crow's nest was usually about 15 miles. Zig-zag courses were always steered to guard against submarine attack, and the general rate of steaming was 15 knots. In the centre of the line what was known as an "in and out patrol" was maintained.

Ships would steam in line abreast (i.e. on parallel courses) along the tracks of



shipping for 30 or 40 miles in one direction, and then for a similar distance in the reverse direction. During the hours of darkness all ships would steam to the eastward, and during daylight to the westward, thus preventing vessels slipping through the cordon at night.

Ships nearer the extremity of the line would maintain what was known as a cross patrol, steaming backwards and forwards in line ahead, across the track of shipping; for a similar distance to the "in and out" patrols.

FIGURES OF SUCCESS

Throughout the period this patrol was in operation, only 4 per cent. of the merchant ships crossing the Atlantic managed to avoid the blockade. During the heaviest week recorded 156 ships were boarded and 58 sent into port for examination. Two armed raiders succeeded in getting through disguised as neutral merchantmen; but two were detected and sunk.

From May 1, 1918, the blockade was maintained by a huge minefield laid between Norway and the Ork-

neys. Immediately behind it, and in the Fair Island channel, hundreds of destroyers, patrol vessels, trawlers and other small craft, fitted with anti-submarine devices, were constantly on patrol.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

In the English Channel the blockade was a comparatively simple procedure. To-day, control stations are established at Weymouth, Ramsgate and Lerwick (in the Shetland Islands). To these control stations all vessels suspected of carrying contraband to German ports are conducted for examination.

Prize Courts in the last war were sitting from September, 1914, and did not conclude their work until long after the signature of peace. Up to March 31, 1920, the amount which had passed through the Registry of the Court was £21,254,412; and up to March 31, 1938, £6,770,927 was paid out to the Naval Prize Fund for distribution among the personnel of the Royal Navy and those who were attached to it during the Great War.

The Allies Were Aryans Once

ONE of these days some one will ask Herron Goebbels and Streicher who introduced the Aryan theory into Germany. Then there will be a rumour. The Aryan theory is the most remarkable—and, as it has turned out, dangerous—accident, for which we are not entirely blameless. The French invented it; we made it popular; and introduced it to Germany; and there it was firmly planted in patriotic minds by a Jewish philosopher.

That is awkward for the National Socialists, but quite, quite true.

It all began like this. Not so long ago we Europeans knew nothing about the languages of India, and when Sir William Jones, a celebrated philologist, went to that country on Government business he took the trouble to learn Sanskrit, which gave him the clue to the origin of a big group of European languages—English, German,

Icelandic and a host of others among them.

These languages are now called Indo-European or Indo-Germanic; but Sir William translated the Sanskrit term quite innocently by the word Aryan, and then the trouble began.

A number of ethnologists and self-styled anthropologists got hold of these Sanskrit researches and jumped to the conclusion that if people speak similar languages you can say they belong to one race.

In 1855 Count Joseph de Gobineau, an enthusiastic and eccentric Frenchman, wrote a book called "Essay on the Inequality of the Human Races," which, as the title suggests, tried to prove that one so-called race—the Aryan race—was the greatest in the world.

The book caused much discussion in France and England. It was very nice for every one to think that he belonged to the chosen race. The Prussian Mini-

ster in Britain, Baron Bunsen, took up the theory with enthusiasm and passed it on to his pupil, Max Muller, for many years a professor at Oxford. In France the Aryan race was eventually identified by de Lapouge with the Nordic group (originating near the Baltic).

Max Muller plugged the Aryan theory for forty years, and then at length realised that he had been barking up the wrong tree. Just fifty years ago he wrote: "I have declared again and again that if I say Aryans, I mean neither blood nor bones, nor hair, nor skull; I mean simply those who speak an Aryan language."

And Yiddish has a good claim to be "considered an Aryan language. That was why Moses Mendelssohn, Jewish-German philosopher, took up the Aryan theory and introduced it to German scholars.

By the time the German uni-

taken theory the English had got over it and the French were laughing at de Gobineau and de Lapouge. Unfortunately, the German nationalist movement absorbed it with a vengeance.

Gustav Kossinna, Prussian nationalist, appointed himself Aryan historian of the German people and tried to prove that "history was pre-eminently a German national science," though no one could imagine why history should be a national science save Kossinna's followers.

But due to the national science appeared on the title-page of the second edition of his book. It was dated: "On the day of general mobilisation, 1914."

And on the same day a group of young Prussians formed a corps with a new standard—the swastika.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

DREAM REALISED

Pope Visits King And Queen Of Italy

Rome, Dec. 28. The bells of St. Peter's pealed as the Pope left the Vatican this morning for the visit to the King and Queen at the Quirinal.

The visit, which was the first made by any Pope to the King of Italy for 60 years, is regarded as the final act sealing the settlement of the ancient dispute between the Italian State and the Vatican. In the Vatican newspaper *Osservatore Romano*, the significance of the visit as a demonstration of settlement of the dispute by peaceful methods is especially emphasized.

The Royal mission awaited His Holiness in St. Peter's Square to convey to him the first greetings of King Victor Emmanuel. The Pope and suite then entered 10 cars which formed the Papal cortège. At the border between the Vatican and Italian territory, the Pope was greeted by the Governor of Rome, who made a short address, stressing the historical importance of the occasion.

The route taken by the Pope was elaborately decorated and lined with troops. Behind them, a great crowd waited to see the procession. The Pope was wearing a scarlet hat and a white cloak, beneath which was a white dress and a white veil. Over 40 high dignitaries of the Church and Italian Court were in the procession.

At the Papal cortège approached the Palace, the married bands played the Papal March. Italian National Anthem and the Fascist hymn, *Gloria*. The Pope was greeted at the Palace by the King and Queen, with whom were the Heir to the Throne, the Prince of Piedmont and Princess Clotilde, and Count and Countess Clotilde. His Holiness and the King and Queen then entered the Throne Room, where three thrones had been set up, and remained some time in conversation.

The Cardinals mixed freely in the ante-room with the Court dignitaries. Over the Quirinal the Papal flag and Royal Standard of Italy flew side by side.

The event is described here as the realization of a dream of the Mussolinian era.—*Reuter*.

Long Talk With King

Rome, Dec. 28. The Pope talked with the King and Queen for 35 minutes. Afterwards His Holiness received the Italian Papal Court and in an address praised the Italo-Vatican friendship. *United Press*.

Important Address

Rome, Dec. 28. It is stated that the Pope delivered an address to the King and Queen which is described as "very warm and very important."

On his return to the Vatican, the Pope drove in an open car despite the rain. At the frontier, the Governor of Rome and the Royal delegation again rendered homage, while the Italian Guard and Papal Guards presented arms.—*Reuter*.

Mussolini To See Pope

Vatican City, Dec. 28. It is officially stated that Signor Mussolini will visit the Pope on January 4. Church quarters announcing the visit described it as a "visit of homage."—*United Press*.

Germany Displeased

Amsterdam, Dec. 28. It is learned from Berlin that the activities of the Pope are being watched with particular attention in Germany.

While the German Press is not likely to criticize the rapprochement of the Vatican and the Italian Government, such a step, it is thought, will be regarded with some apprehension by Nazi political circles. The Pope's Christmas address, according to the Berlin correspondent of the *Rotterdamse Courant*, was received in Germany with little approval.

While the desire for a new order in Europe is thoroughly appreciated, His Holiness' remarks it is thought, imply criticism of Germany's war methods, which are fully justified in the opinion of German circles, and the alleged intention of Britain and France to annihilate Germany is regarded in these circles as a sufficient means to bring doubters over to Hitler's side.

The appointment by President Roosevelt of a personal representative to the Vatican is also regarded with doubt by Germany, which sees in this a critical election move on the part of the President.—*Reuter*.

No Official Comment

London, Dec. 28. It is reported from Copenhagen that the Berlin correspondent of the *National Tidende* states it is believed that some quarters of the German capital that the object of the negotiations between the Vatican and the Italian Government is to develop a stronger front against Communism and to reply to the continued and intensified efforts of Moscow to carry through a Bolshevik world revolution. The matter, however, is regarded as one of internal policy as far as Italy is concerned and calls for no official comment.—*Reuter*.

Sea Battle Heard

HAGUESUND, Dec. 28 (UP).—At several points on the west coast yesterday, cannon fire was audible from the North Sea. Details are lacking but the inhabitants believe there has been a sea battle, because German naval units are said to be in that area.

DUBLIN TENSION

Search For I.R.A. Saboteurs

DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—An armed military cordon still ringed the city to-night as Police and troops continued the search for the ammunition stolen from Phoenix Park on Saturday. Twenty arrests have already been made.

The search goes on only in the capital, but in the woods and lanes of the counties of Kildare and Wicklow, fields and hedges of estates are thoroughly combed.

City Completely Cordoned

In Dublin, military patrols continued to search all cars entering and leaving the city, which is so completely cordoned that it is impossible to enter or leave without passing through at least one patrol. All pedestrians carrying cases are stopped and searched, and in the country districts the quest is even more thorough, for everyone, whether walking or cycling, has to submit to an examination and explain where they have come from and where they are going.

Government Reward Offer

DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Government is offering a reward of £1,000 for information leading to the recovery of the stolen ammunition. Substantial rewards will be paid in respect of any portion of the ammunition. The number of arrests is now estimated at 30.

EXETER'S CASUALTY LISTS

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Telegraphist M. T. Kavanagh, Stoker (1st class) A. E. Kelly, Telegraphist A. R. Lumsden, Stoker (1st class) W. MacLeod, Stoker (1st class) G. Manning, Corporal W. G. L. Marshall, A. B. E. H. McDonnell, Marine J. P. McEvoy, Marine E. Mill, Stoker (2nd class) C. Monte, A. B. T. H. Naylor, Stoker (1st class) D. J. O'Leary, Telegraphist D. J. Parry, Stoker (1st class) B. T. Pett, Leading Supply Assistant L. W. Pullbank, Chief Petty Officer F. Randall, Chief Yeoman Signals T. Rennie, A. B. D. Richards, Leading Seaman G. Richards, Telegraphist A. S. Right, Blacksmith (3rd class) R. J. Small, Boy (1st class) E. B. Squire, Stoker Petty Officer R. M. Steele, Marine A. Stubbs, Telegraphist R. W. Taylor, Stoker (1st class) J. E. Thompson, Stoker Petty Officer G. E. Povey, Chief Petty Officer A. F. Tregidga, Stoker (1st class) P. Wilson.

Died Of Wounds

Chief Petty Officer W. A. Almg, Leading Stoker E. L. George, A. B. L. C. Hill, Acting Leading Seaman A. V. Phillips, A. B. H. Spencer.

Missing, Believed Killed

Chief Stoker S. B. P. Tenque.

Japanese Rearmament Project

Tokyo, Dec. 28. Speaking at a conference of Central executives of the Army General Sanzoku Ito, the War Minister, today declared that the Army has formulated a four-year rearmament plan in accordance with "absolute necessities" in connection with the accomplishment of the current campaign, to cope with the changing international situation and to insure the national defence against future crises.

The War Minister revealed that while the budget to finance the projected rearmament will be submitted for approval to the Diet, an understanding has already been reached with the Government regarding the financing of the plan.

"As you know the prospect of disposing of the China Affair is still remote as it is attended by many difficulties and all members of the nation are earnestly requested to live up to their firm determination and great patience and effectively participate in the campaign involving the general mobilization of national resources."

"At a moment when no optimism is permitted with regard to the adjustment of Japan's relations with various foreign Powers, the Imperial Army is in a position to act as the principal support for the general national campaign, and by tackling the difficult situation with a strict attitude and firm determination to come up to the august wishes of the

Russian Attacks Again Repulsed

New Troops Thrown Into Fray By The Soviets

Helsinki, Dec. 27.

The official Finnish communiqué states that the Russians yesterday launched an attack at noon north of Lake Latjalampi but were repulsed. The Russians are still trying to cross the Suanto River.

HIGH COST OF TROOPS

Belgium Finds It A Severe Burden

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The expense of keeping troops mobilized was stressed by the Premier, M. Pierlot, speaking in the Senate to-day when he declared that the Government could not accept any amendments to the financial proposals already adopted by the Chamber which would have the effect of reducing revenue from the new taxes contained in them.

"I am very much afraid that the result of the interminable struggle between our neighbours and Belgium is the loss of her capital even if she is not called upon to give her blood. There are some people who show indifference when they are faced with danger or who appear to ignore it completely."

"Keeping troops continually in a state of mobilization is an expensive matter and the cost ought to be met by an internal loan, for money borrowed abroad would be too dear, especially in view of the present conditions."

"The sacrifices which every Belgian is called upon to make are enormous, but safety is what our country demands of them."

FINNISH INVASION OF U.S.S.R. MEETS SUCCESS

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materials in their retreat, while the last reports from the southern front stated that the Soviet attacks on the Mannerheim Line and in the south-east have been repulsed.

Snow fell in Helsinki to-day and as the storm seems to be general, little activity is likely.

Fighting On Ice
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINKI, Dec. 28 (UP).—It has been officially stated that the Finnish troops wiped out two Russian companies in fierce hand-to-hand fighting on the ice of Lake Suanto in the Karelian Isthmus area on Wednesday.

Fighting also continues in Russian territory east of Lieska on the east central Russo-Finnish frontier and in the Ari sector. The official announcement said the Russians for the first time succeeded in crossing the mile-wide Lake Suanto but strong Finnish counter attacks drove them back. The Russians were also driven back on the frontier north of Lieska and again at four points between Hattula and Summa, and at two points between Summa and Muihajaervi.

Russian planes strafed civilians in Wednesday's air raids over the southern sectors.

It has also been officially confirmed that nine Russian planes were shot down during Wednesday's raids. Latest reports indicate that there was fighting yesterday and Wednesday north of Suomussalmi around Lake Tintajarvi.

American Admiral Dies In Brooklyn

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Navy Department announced the death of Rear Admiral Julius C. Townsend, 60, at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital.

Admiral Townsend was Commandant of the Fourth Naval District Headquarters at Philadelphia at the time of his death.

DANISH STEAMER SUNK BY MINE

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Danish steamer, *Hanne*, 1,080 tons, was sunk by a mine off the north-east coast to-day.

Empire on the one hand and respond to the confidence the nation is placing in them. "It is also necessary to make complete preparations in advance and put various plans into practice in a steady and unflinching manner."

A further Russian attack along the Taipale River was repulsed. To the north-east of Lieska the enemy are retreating to the frontier in the direction of Diviara, where the Finns are advancing.

In yesterday's air raids on south Finland four civilians were killed and several wounded at Kotka. The total casualties for all raids has not been stated.

Eight enemy tanks were destroyed to the north of Lake Latjalampi where an enemy attack was repulsed.—*United Press*.

New Soviet Divisions

With the Finnish Army, Dec. 28. With renewed threats, the Russians threw themselves again to-day on the Mannerheim Line bastions, as this "Verdun Battle" went into its fourth week. Over 270,000 fresh troops, among the Red Army's best, will be brought from the interior of Russia to be thrown into the war.

These troops will comprise three Siberian Divisions from the Arctic regions, trained to sub-zero temperatures of cold, 12 Caucasian Divisions, accustomed to snow and low temperatures. Owing to difficulties of the Soviet transport system it will be some time before these forces can come into action.

Such large scale movements and the long distances require hundreds of trains and trucks.—*United Press*.

Tanks Fall Through Ice

Copenhagen, Dec. 28. The newspaper *After Posten's* correspondent in Finland reported that the Finns had been cut off and forced to surrender an unspecified number of Russians on the Salla front.

Russian tanks broke through the ice during an attempt to cross the Suanto Lake. Some of the crews were drowned. In the far north Soviet tanks were bogged and became miniature fortresses, which the crews are holding against the Finnish onslaught.

The correspondent said the place where 250 volunteer Finn skiers crossed the frontier was east of the lake. They were heading for the Murnansk railroad near Kandelikar.—*United Press*.

Small States Reply

Geneva, Dec. 28. Colombia, Uruguay, San Domingo and Liberia have answered the League questionnaire and re-affirmed the extension of help to Finland by all means possible.—*United Press*.

Assistance In China

Shanghai, Dec. 28. The Chairman of the Finnish Association in China, M. N. V. Synnberg, expressed his "deep gratitude and satisfaction for the moral support shown and the splendid financial assistance extended by the Shanghai public."

He said Finland was fighting not only for her own existence but "was defending the sacred principles of liberty and freedom."

The enthusiastic response of this international city, he said, was indeed indicative, coming as it does in the hour of affliction through which "our little country is passing."

RATIONING AT HOME

12 Ounces Of Sugar Each Week

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 28 (UP).—Britain will start sugar rations on January 8 according to an official announcement made to-day.

As from that date each person will be allowed 12 ounces sugar a week. Meat is also to be rationed in the near future, although the amounts and the date from which the rationing will start, are yet to be revealed.

Bacon And Butter Also
LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The official sugar rationing begins in Britain on January 8 together with bacon and butter. The sugar ration will be 12 oz. per person per week.

All those in Britain must register for meat rationing by Monday week and the control of livestock begins a week later.

Trawler Believed To Be Lost

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—H. M. trawler *Lochdon* is overdue and must be presumed to be lost, according to an Admiralty announcement. The crew numbered 10.

Support For The Premier

TOKYO, Dec. 28 (UP).—The leaders of five political Parties which pledged their support to the Abe Cabinet have announced that they will not join the anti-administration campaign started in Tuesday by 250 Diet members, but at the same time they have issued a statement in which it is stated that no attempt will be made to ban the movement.

The Government leaders are apparently confident that the Cabinet will pull through the Diet session successfully and are therefore paying more attention to mapping out a plan to stabilise the national market. The *Yokohama Shinbun* reports that the Lord Privy Seal, Kurahara Yusa, has asked the Premier to continue his duties despite the suggestion that the Abe Cabinet will resign.

WHERE IS GOERING?

Nazi Chief Believed To Be In Disgrace

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—"What has happened to Field Marshal Hermann Goering?" is a question people are asking in Germany, according to reports reaching here.

The Air Minister has been almost completely absent from all Christmas festivities.

It is recalled that when Hitler and General Goebbels visited the front, Hees and Goebbels made speeches and all the other Nazi leaders made public appearances, but Goering stayed quietly at Schorfheide, his country home, and did not even appear at the Christmas party for poor children in Berlin.

At Loggerheads
But gifts were distributed on his behalf by an obscure mayor of one of the districts of the capital.

Some people in Berlin suggest that Goering is deliberately keeping himself in the background until some definite issue emerges from the present argument about policy. It is stated here that violent discussions are raging between the Party and the Army about the future conduct of the war, and Soviet relations.

These persons argue that Goering has decided to hold himself aloof until he sees his way more clearly.

Quarrel With Hitler?
Rival theorists declare that Goering has already quarrelled with Hitler and is temporarily in disgrace, and is accordingly remaining behind the scenes until the trouble has blown over.

Whatever the reason for the Field Marshal's failure to participate in the war time Christmas, it is considered very strange in Germany.

Freighter Aground Off New York

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (UP).—The British freighter, *City of Singapore*, sent a radio message at 10.20 a.m. to-day saying she was aground east of the Ambrose Lightship, about one mile inside the entrance to New York harbour.

Vessel Refloated
The *City of Singapore* has been refloated, says "Reuter". She was apparently not seriously damaged.

TO DISCUSS WAR

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The South Rhodesian Minister of Justice and Defence is to visit London shortly by air for discussions on the war. The main subject of his discussions will be war finance, but it is expected that expansion of air training in Rhodesia, supply of Rhodesian products and the further use of Rhodesian fruits will also be on the agenda.

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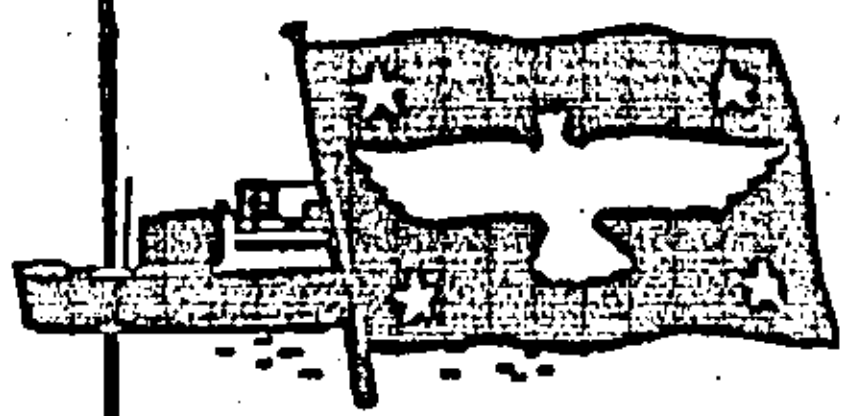
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tra; Her Name Is Mary (Singer and
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ther Report.

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1.17 New Light Symphony Or-
chestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press,
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ments.

1.45 Tangos and Waltzes.
2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Rimsky-Korsakov—Le Coq
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chestra.

6.27 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.30 Variety with the Eight Piano
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7.0 London Relay—"Dale on Leave."
A Jack Jones Welsh Programme—
The Spirit of Christmas. Carols by
the Welsh Singers.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Dance Music.

8.20 Studio—Comments on Recent
Events.

8.30 London Relay—"Laugh before
Lunch." A Variety Programme.

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Af-
fairs."

9.45 A Variety and Dance Pro-
gramme.

Vocal—The Song of The Kettle
(Anthony); Cheeky Souls (Burke)...
Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with
Piano; Fox-Trot—Song Without
Words; Thank You, Mister Bach...
The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra; Con-
cidence—Floride Forde Old Time Med-
ley)... Floride Forde with Chorus
and Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Thankful;
Swing That Music... Louis Arm-
strong and His Orchestra; Vocal—So
Green (film 'That's a good girl'); Ooi
Lai Lai (film 'That's a good girl')...
Jack Buchanan with Orchestra;

Blue—Bye-Bye Blues; One Step—
California... Phil Green and His
Orchestra; Comedian—I'm The Only
Bit Of Comfort That She's Got...
Max Miller with Orchestra; Fox-
Trot—Take My Heart... Dick Mc-
Donough and His Orchestra; Comed-
ian—She Said She Wouldn't (Mil-
ler)... Max Miller with Orchestra;

Fox-Trot—Let It Be Me (film 'Broad-
way Hostess')... Jay Wilbur and
His Band; Descriptive Sketch—The
Derby; Part 1—On the Road; Part 2
—On the Course... with The Sing-
ing Pearly Kings; Fox-Trot—Break-
fast in Heaven (film 'Transatlantic
Rhythm'); I Heard A Song In A Taxi
(film 'Transatlantic Rhythm')...
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Passed as Wardens—Liu Pak-kwan,
Leung Sik-hung, C. W. Brand, Leung
Tak-wai, Chung Yuk-mui, Lam So-man,
Ko Tok-yum, Jackie Han, C. W. Brown,
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official
Summary issued yesterday says:

The steadiness is well maintained
together with some increase in the
demand. Quotations for the medium
priced stocks show improvement.

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,345
Canton Ins. \$200
Doughlases \$71½

Doeks \$20
Providents \$4½

H. & S. Hotels \$1.00
Realities \$4.30
Tramways \$17

Star Ferries \$67
Yaumati Ferries \$23¾

Electricity \$52½
Saudkhan Lights \$11

Telephones (Old) \$24½
Telephones (New) \$9

Cements \$16.00
Ropes \$6

Dairy Farms (Old) \$21
Dairy Farms (New) \$20.30

Watsons \$8.85
Entertainments \$6¾

Constructions (Old) \$1¾
Sellers

Providents \$4.57½
Sales

Canton Ins. \$200
Doeks \$19.00/20-

Providents \$4.55/50
H. & S. Hotels \$5

Tramways \$17.10
Telephones (Old) \$24½

Telephones (New) \$9

STRANGE WARSHIPS

Vessels Sighted Off
Japanese Coast

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

A white warship of unknown na-
tionality was sighted in Japanese
territorial waters off Fukuoka, in
Kyushu, at 11.10 a.m. to-day ac-
cording to the pilot of a Japanese
airliner which hopped off from
Fukuoka for Seoul, says a telephone
message from Fukuoka.

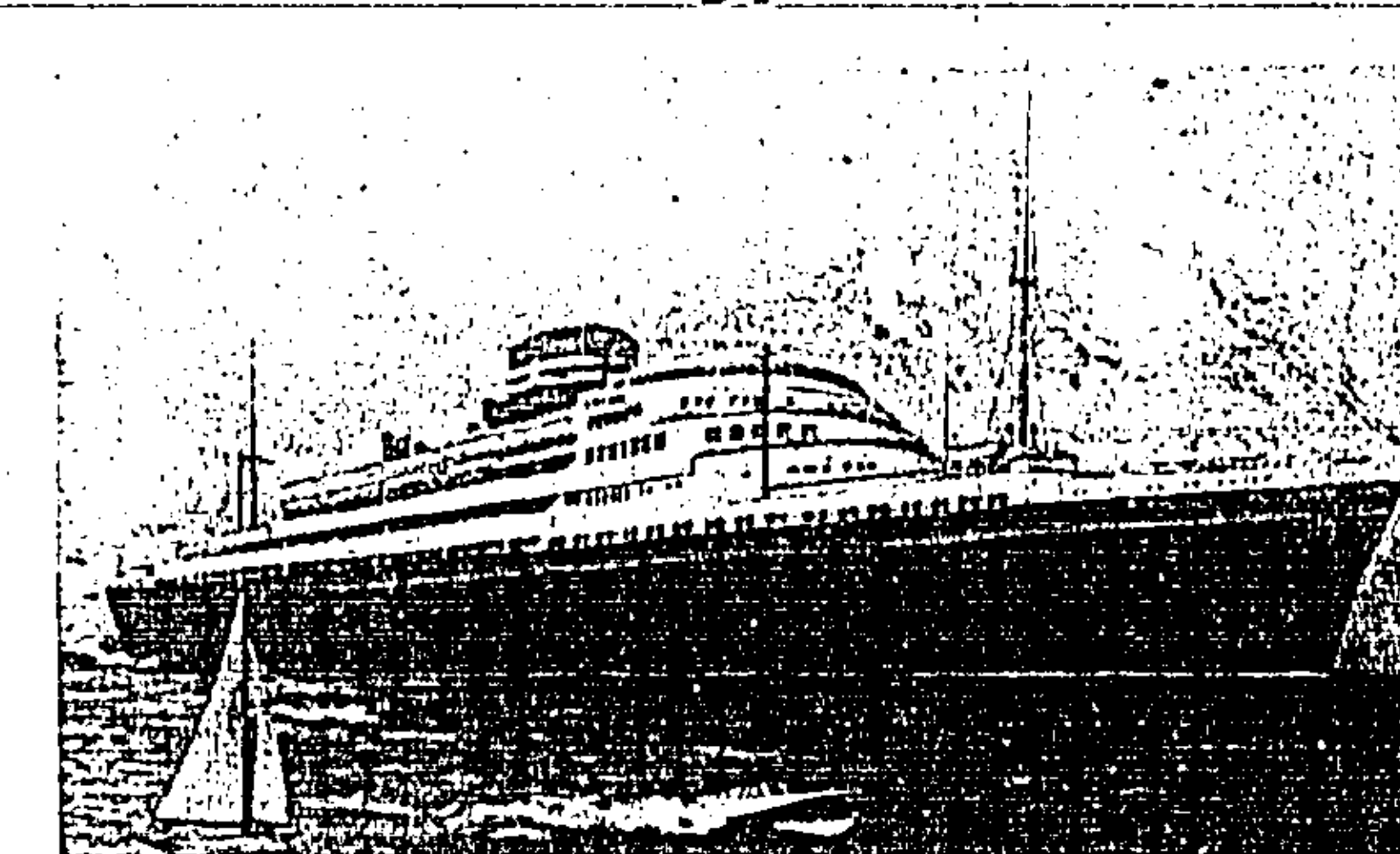
The mystery warship was sailing
towards Kuro Island, from a point
30 kilometres south-east of Oki Is-
land, off Fukuoka Prefecture.

Another strange warship, believed
either a British or an American de-
stroyer, was sighted yesterday twelve
miles south of Oki Island. This
vessel was seen by the crew of a
Japan Airways airliner on its way
to Seoul. The vessel, cruising west-
ward, appeared to be in the 1,500-
ton category, but it was not possible
to ascertain its nationality.—Domest.

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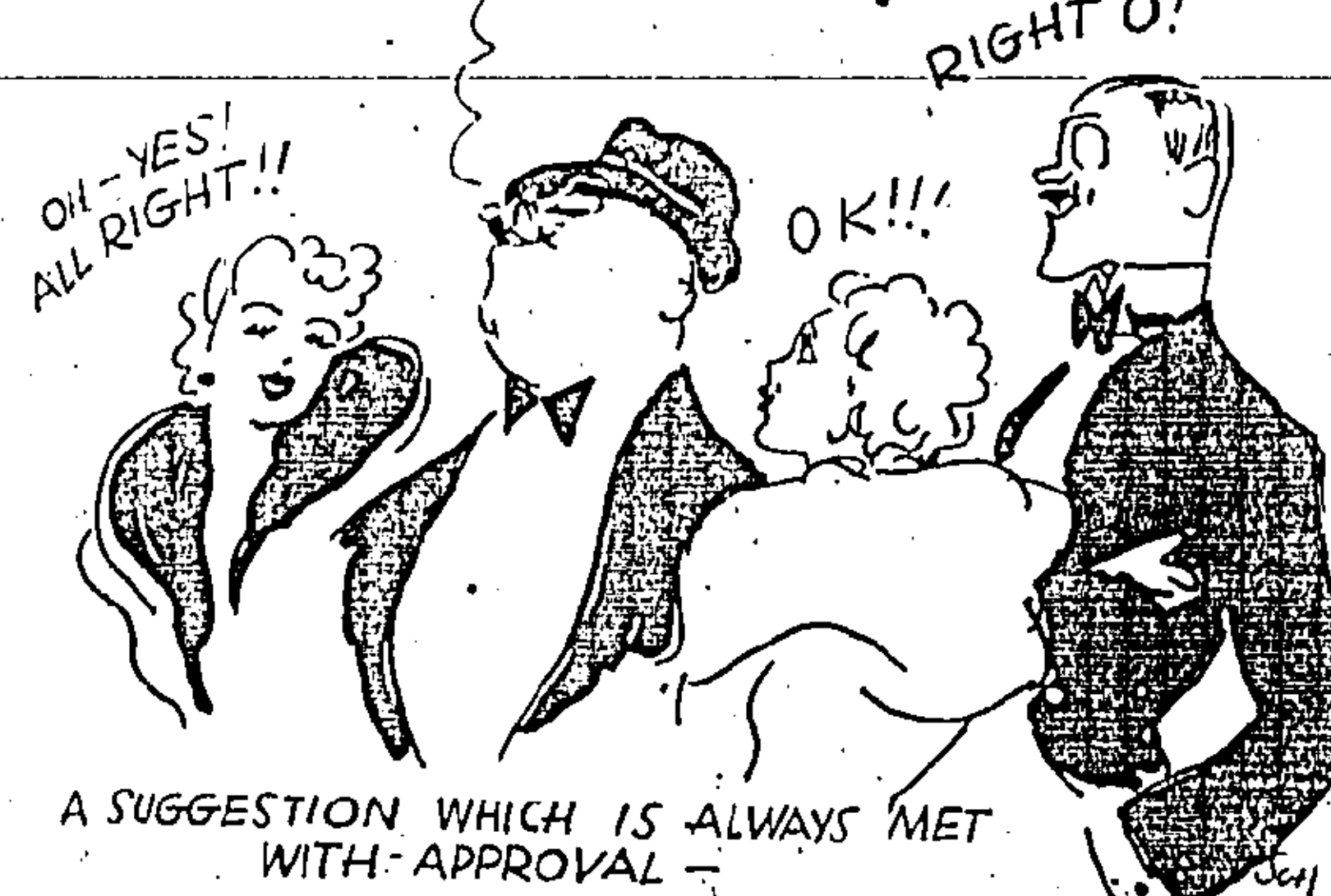
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PLANS FOR R. A. F. VOLUNTEERS EMPLOYMENT BY END OF YEAR

By MAJOR C. C. TURNER

Causes of the "bottle neck" in the training of the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, and of the payment of a large number of members who are waiting to be posted, were explained at the Air Ministry.

It is hoped that all men on the waiting list will be absorbed by the end of the year.

The subject was dealt with in The Daily Telegraph recently and the facts, as then stated, are officially admitted—and a large number of letters have been received from members of the Volunteer Reserve, parents, employers and flying instructors.

I pointed out that hundreds of men had received no training in the 10 weeks since mobilisation, and indicated the difficulty of returning temporarily to civil life, an option given by the Ministry.

The outbreak of war found the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve in a somewhat unorganised condition. Some units had town headquarters but no aerodromes; others had flying facilities but no town headquarters.

"Cadet Wings" As Solution

There were no means available for absorbing the immense number of members for service training.

The formation of "cadet wings" was at once undertaken, and at the present time three of these are in existence. These are well housed.

The real "bottle neck" in training is at the advanced stage. This cannot be dealt with by the transference of material and personnel from elementary training schools, since these are not suited to advanced training.

The Air Ministry claim that the most considerable course was adopted, that of granting full pay for the waiting period. Admittedly, it is costly, but not so costly as that of taking over more buildings.

Meanwhile, a fourth cadet wing is nearly ready, and a fifth is on the way.

Yet another plan, soon to be put into execution, is that of extending the course of four weeks now undergone at the cadet wings, so that the

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1889.
The mad King of Bavaria smokes about a hundred cigarettes daily. That accounts for his madness.

The Prince of Wales, now that he may shortly become a grandfather, and that his poor swollen head has given place to a badly swollen leg, is becoming a perfect snail. On his last visit to Homburg, he discouraged the foot-racing of maids and matrons, and did not, as of yore, incite dukes, millionaires and dukes to trundle fat women and giddy-cushers downhill in wheelbarrows. His sole pleasures just now are delectable dinners and lengthy luncheons.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1914.
The naval and military authorities call the attention of persons using the streets to the danger of fragments of shells and bullets from the guns used against hostile aircraft, attempting a raid on London. Civilians are warned to keep cover, preferably in the basements of houses, on hearing the sound of firing.

All the Far Eastern garrisons in the process of time will be filled up with Territorial troops who will release the line troops for the Continental battlefields. When the Territorials have been sufficiently trained they will take their place in the fighting line and in the defence of the home islands.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1929.
The Woodrow Wilson Foundation have unanimously decided that the 1929 award of £825,000 shall go to the Trustees of the League of Nations in recognition of a decade of service in the interests of World peace.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1934.
Max Baer, who can hit hard enough to knock Primo Carnera silly, but who only needs to smile to set American fighting hearts thumping, is going to risk his title and his face. To-night, he will stake his world's championship when he meets King Levinisky.

Instruction given may be more complete. It is requested that any who experience difficulty or delay in regard to pay should write to the Air Ministry, Accountants' Branch, P.2, Admiralty House, Kingsway, W.C.2.

REQUIRED

2 oz. of 3-ply wool, a short length of white, and a pair of No 13 knitting needles.

TENSION

9 sts. to 1 inch width and approximately 14 rows to 1 inch in depth over the garter stitch.

MEASUREMENT

Length from tip of centre finger to edge of cuff, 13 inches; and length of centre finger 3 inches.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; p, purl; st, stitches; inc, increase; dec, decrease; rep, repeat; tog, together; g, st, garter stitch.

Knit yourself these gloves and they'll ensure a

Warm Handshake

Right Glove

Casts on 49 sts. with main wool and work thus:

1st row: (K1, p1), 4 times, k1, then with a small ball of white, k2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, then k2, white (k1, p1) 5 times, then k2, white (k1, p1) 8 times, k1.

2nd row: Rib 17, then p2, white, rib 10, p2 white, rib 7, p2 white, rib 9.

Continue to rep. these 2 rows, working the white stripes with separate balls of wool, and always twisting the wool at back of work when changing colours, until cuff measures 3 1/4 inches from start.

Now change to g. st. (every row k.), but still work the white sts. in stocking st. as before. Work 4 rows then begin shaping for thumb, thus:

5th row (a right-side row): k. 6th row: K15, p1, k. twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

7th row: K.

8th row: K15, p1, k2, p2 white, st, k7, p1, white, 1 main wool, then k3, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, p the 2nd white st. of last stripe.

9th row: K. 10th row: As 8th row. 11th row: K. 12th row: K15, p1, k1, k. twice into next st., p2, white, k2, k. twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

13th row: K. 14th row: K15, p1, k3, p2 white, k4, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

15th row: K. 16th row: As 14th row. 17th row: K. 18th row: K15, p1, k2, k. twice into next st., p2 white, k3, k. twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

19th row: K. 20th row: K15, p1, k4, p2 white, k5, p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

21st row: K. 22nd row: As 20th. 23rd row: K. 24th row: K15, p1, k3, k. twice into next st., p2 white, k4, k. twice into next st., p1, k7, p2 white, k7, p2 white, k9.

Continue to increase in this way, working one more st. before the inc. each time, and always keeping the white sts. in stocking st. until there are 6 sts. before the white stripe of thumb and 7 sts. after; then work only one st. in white on thumb stripe, still increasing as before.

Other Stripes

When 4 rows have been worked with single stripe in thumb change the other white stripes thus:

New row: Still increasing as usual and working only 1 st. in white 10 sts. on needle. Leave other sts. on thumb, move the first st. of second on a holder and work 42 rows, then white 1 st. to the right, work 1 st. in dec. as for thumb.

2nd finger: Join wool to st. next to first finger, k8, cast on 4, turn and work until there are 10 sts. on needle. Finish as for 1st finger, but work 44 rows instead of 42.

Then work on the remaining sts. for last finger, but do not cast on any sts., but pick up the base of the 4 sts. cast on for 3rd finger. Work 38 rows and shape top as before.

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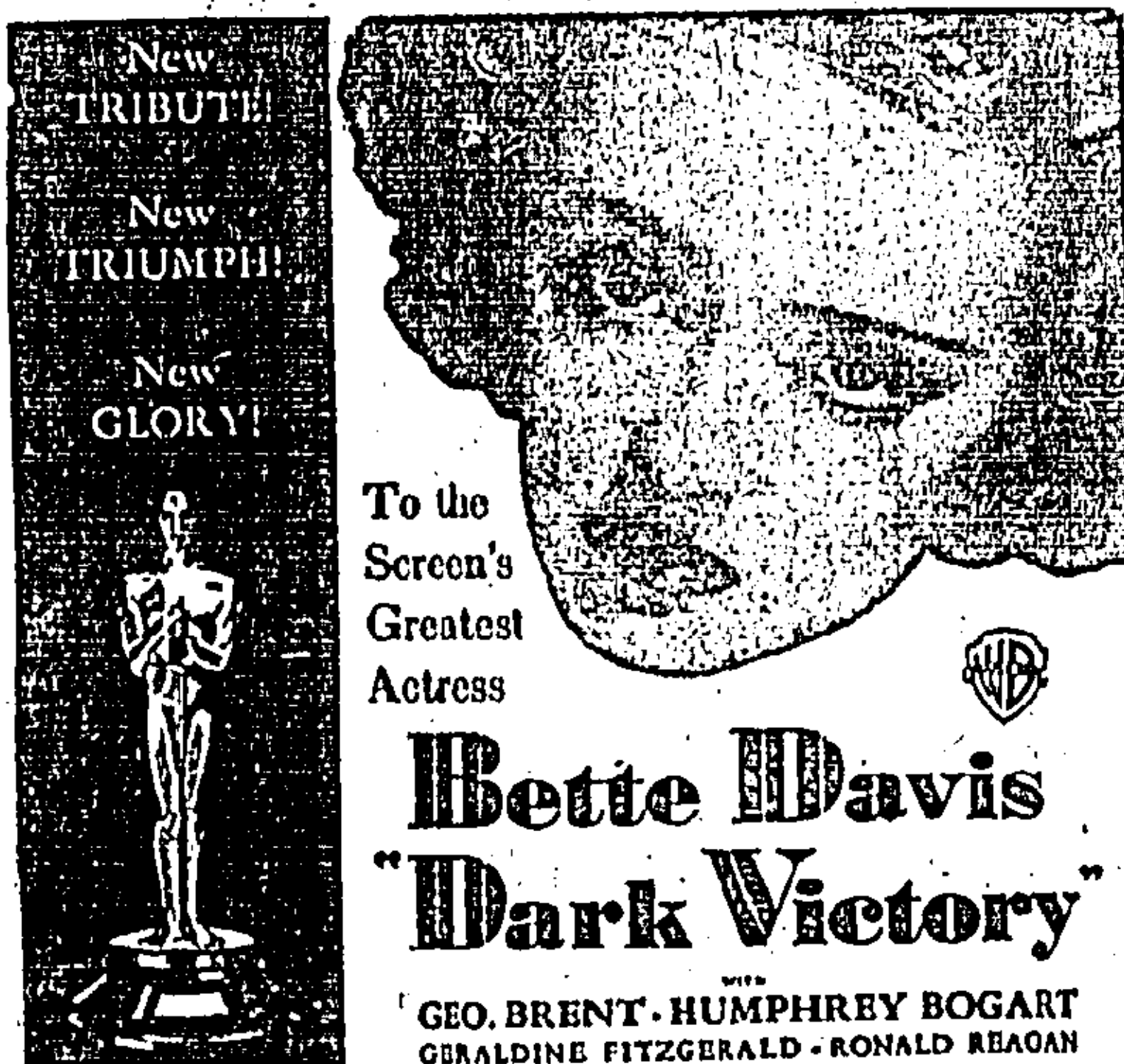
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1939 "PIMPERNELS" A WAIT ADVENTURE

SMOKING a pipe in his flat in Eccleston-square, S.W., sits a little bald-headed architect.

As he smokes, he is planning a war-time courier service. He can one during the last war.

Just as they did last time, his men and women will journey from capital to capital.

Sometimes they will carry samples of silk to be matched in Paris, sometimes they will take school-girls to destinations in Switzerland, sometimes shoes and perfume for a Bond-street shop, or even, occasionally, a note from a French politician to a British Cabinet Minister.

Doubtless, too, the couriers will be assisted by as many spies as they were in the last war, and may succeed in handing over a few more to the authorities.

The architect, Mr. A. B. Houchin, started his Franco-British courier service because he happened to have an office in Paris in 1914, and architecture did not seem to have much of an immediate future.

He found dozens of old men and women, girls and children stranded in Paris, too frightened to travel home alone.

So he grouped them into parties, and brought them back to London himself.

Beset By Spies

Then he engaged several professional men and women—lawyers, ex-collaborators, journalists, and a few others—on a regular courier service across Europe.

By the end of the war, there were 19 of them.

"We did every sort of job," he said, "from bringing over a few letters for Cabinet Ministers, and carrying out Government dispatches."

"The jobs were on to us when we started to carry official documents. Men and women would try to get into conversation with the couriers on trains and boats."

"The couriers always reported to me, and I went straight round to Basil Thomson, head of the British Intelligence."

Disguised

"Very rarely could I tell him anything he did not already know."

"Our most sensational spy was a woman whom one of our couriers, an ex-Guardsman, noticed frequently on the cross-Channel boats."

"He was puzzled because she came aboard in heavy boots, and immediately changed into light shoes. We told Basil Thomson about her. He made curiously little comment."

"Some time later he said to me one day: 'You remember that woman in the boots on the cross-Channel boat?' He's dead."

"The woman was a man in disguise."

Rescue Job

The most romantic job on which Mr. Houchin's organisation ever embarked was that of trying to rescue an Englishman from the hands of a German-occupied Cambrai, where he had been taken at the outbreak of war.

"It was to have been a regular Scarlet Pimpernel affair," Mr. Houchin said.

"Some of our men were going to cross the front lines at night. But the sick man died before we could start."

"Through the agency of a Dutch business man, however, I did get back to this country the abandoned baggage of English and American tourists, which the Germans had stacked high in Cologne Cathedral."

Already, Mr. Houchin has seven men, mostly ex-sailors, and a few women for his new courier service. Their journeys are being mapped out through Europe. This time many of the journeys will be by air.

RANGOON'S FUND FOR POLES

RANGOON, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The Governor of Burma is patron of the Polish Relief Fund which has been opened in Rangoon.

The Mayor of Rangoon is Chairman of the Fund with the Hon. Mr. Somerset Butler, the Polish Consul, as Vice-Chairman.

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IT'S A SMALL WORLD IF YOU GO BY AIR

BOSTON.—Jules Verne got streamlined at East Boston Airport when two dapper young Chinese students stepped off a plane just one week out of Hongkong, 9,000 miles away.

Landing almost in the shadow of the place where Donald McKay launched The Flying Cloud and other great sea clippers—boats that despite their fleetness measured time to the Orient in terms of months instead of weeks—Yung Shen Moy and Yung Ho Hing, hastening back to Boston classes, thought little more of their journey than a Wellesley girl would of returning by train to St. Louis.

The two men left Hongkong on a Pan American flying boat. The first day they flew to Manila, Philippine Islands, stopping over a day while the plane's engine was checked. The following day they flew to Guam and Wake Islands, losing a day when they crossed the international dateline between Wake and Midway Islands.

From Midway they flew to Honolulu and from Hawaii it was an 18-hour over-sea hop to San Francisco.

They breakfasted in Newark, caught the 10:30 Boston plane, and arrived here at 11:30 a.m. the same morning. Cost: \$750 apiece, one way.

China will Face Many Problems after the War

FLEET STREET.

Professor R. H. Tawney, speaking on the post-war development of China, at a luncheon organised by the China Campaign Committee, said that in spite of the loss of human life and the economic loss caused by the present war in China, he thought the war had contributed something to the solution of problems with which the Government had been faced.

It had done more for the practical unification of the country in two years than had been accomplished in the twenty preceding years. The fact that the Government and other institutions had been moved to the provinces of Szechwan, Yunnan, and Kweichow had made the Chinese aware of the rich resources of mineral, timber, and agricultural wealth of those districts, of which the majority had hitherto known little. The war had also given considerable impetus to the development of heavy industries, hitherto the weakest part of China's economy, but in spite of the war the main problems remained.

The Government had done a great deal in the past few years to improve transport conditions, but that problem remained. China's permanent problem was not that of the industrial worker, but of the peasant cultivator, and it seemed that his lot had not improved during the past two years. As long as his present conditions continued, China would continue to crumble from the bottom. The peasant cultivator suffered from floods, his methods were prehistoric, he was shamelessly exploited by the middle man, money-lender, landlord, and tax collector.

The present system of land tenure was intolerable. Industrial development was very important, but it was not likely to reduce the land problem, though it might prevent it from becoming worse.

Professor Tawney did not think it desirable that China's industrial development should proceed on American or German lines. For one thing, the supply of iron ore was so trifling that it should only be used where essential. China's great asset was human beings. When in China he had noticed how badly the Chinese did things they copied from the West—making for instance, doors and windows that would not shut—how admirably they made things for their own use. China must export enough to buy what she required from abroad, but her right line of development was more of the French than of the German or American type—quality of production in the light industries.

As for post-war development the professor stressed two points. Since China's surplus would be very small

for all the necessary reconstructive work, it was important that it should be properly used. He thought the Government should create an investment board which should direct investments from the coast to the interior. Secondly, the Administration, which had seemed to him the weak point in China's system, should be improved. The machinery was there, but the wheels did not run. This was one of the things of a technical kind which China could learn from the West. China's main job would be to organise her economic and political systems, at the same time maintaining her own native admirable virtues.

LATE NEWS

EUROPEAN FOUND DEAD

CALLER in by the landlord of the second floor of No. 34, Austin Road, Kowloon, police this morning discovered the body of Stephen Michael Tracey, a 30-year-old clerk who is believed to have recently arrived in the Colony.

The discovery was made by Sgt. Matches, of Tsimshatsui Police Station. Tracey was lying across his bed.

The body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary, where a post mortem was performed this morning.

The police, whose report states that suicide is suspected, refuse to reveal the result of the post mortem or any further details in connection with the death.

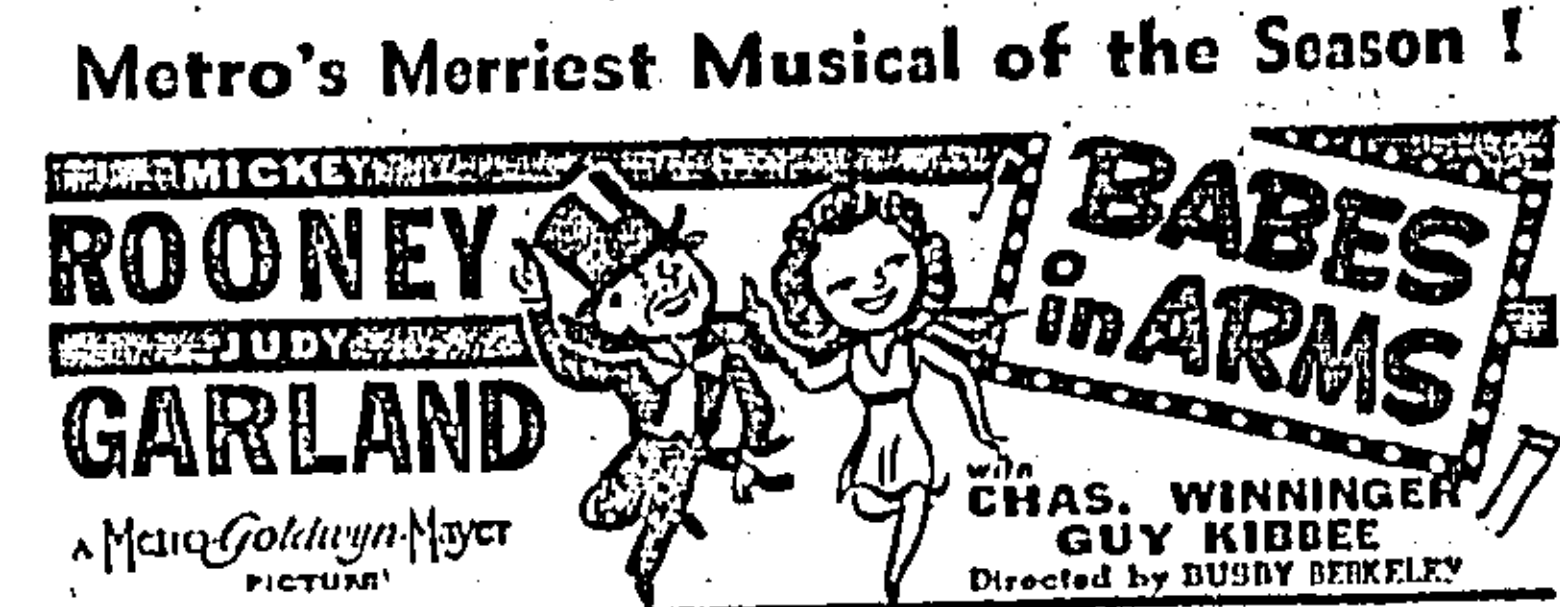
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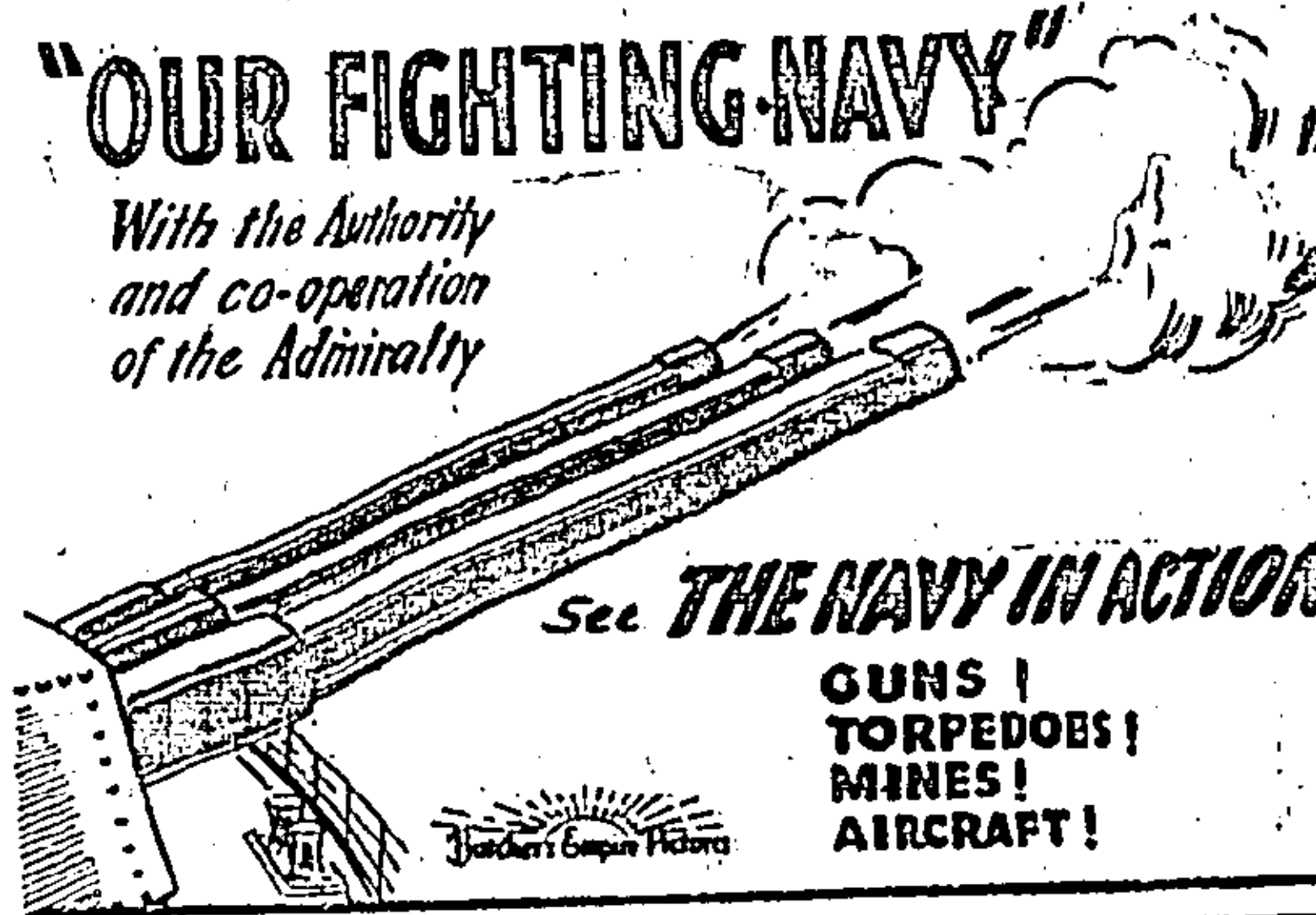


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40,000 DEAD IN TURKISH EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

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vastated countryside, drowning many survivors of the original disaster.

Tremors are continuing almost without cessation, and, combined with meteorological conditions, are considerably hampering rescue work.

Exact details of the tragedy are unlikely to be available for many days, owing to the disruption of communications.

President Ince and members of his Cabinet are hastening to the devastated area.

World Rocked

In addition to this earthquake and to the others already recorded, the following shocks were reported this morning:

CAPE TOWN: Twenty-five tremors occurred in the Rand district the past 24 hours. Buildings were shaken and the natives fled in panic.

ITALY: Four sharp tremors shocked the Bolzina region near Rome. The panic-stricken populace rushed out of their homes, but no casualties are reported.

CALIFORNIA: Further earthquake shocks were recorded to-day at Salinas, Monterey, Carmel, Pacific Grove and Watsonville. Only slight damage reported.

MEXICO: Vera Cruz was rocked at 4.15 p.m. P.S.T. to-day by earthquake tremors. No damage is reported. (Messages from United Press, Domes and Reuters).

Lanchow Raid

Japanese Bombers Shot Down

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—At least three Japanese bombers were shot down in aerial battles on Tuesday when 90 planes in three groups raided Lanchow, capital of the Kansu province, according to Chinese reports.

As the Japanese aircraft appeared over Lanchow, it is stated, Chinese pursuit planes engaged them.

MEDICO'S WEDDING

Dr. H. H. Tai Marries Miss Ruth U

The marriage between Dr. H. H. Tai, M.B. Edin., and Miss Ruth Yue-fung U, was solemnised at St. Paul's Church yesterday, the Rev. Paul S. F. Tso officiating.

THE BRIDEGROOM is the eldest son of Mr. K. T. Tai, and is a graduate of the Indiana University, U.S.A. He is now Health Officer of the Hongkong Government Medical Department.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U Sz-wing, proprietor of Dowdell & Co., Ltd. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree at the Lingnan University.

She was given away by her father and attended by the Misses Mabel U (sister) and Kwan-chau U (cousin) as bridesmaids and Miss Wing-yun U as flower girl. Master Titus Cheung was the page boy.

The reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel.

Banditry At New Height

CINCINNATI, O. (U.P.).—A bandit who held up Robert Lowe demanded \$15 but Lowe only had \$12 and a wrist watch worth \$7.50.

So the bandit forced Lowe to walk two blocks to his home and borrow another \$50 cents from his roommate while he waited in the vehicle.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday, the 1st January, 1940. (The first week-day in January). Hongkong, 28th December, 1939.

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Shippers are requested to apply to the Secretary for signature of contracts.

W. F. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 27, 1939.

Ship Sunk In 90 Seconds

Deptford Tragedy Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The full story of the sinking of the British steamer Deptford (4,000 tons) which was torpedoed in Norwegian waters on December 14, was made available to-day.

It reveals that when torpedoed, she was within half a mile of the Norwegian coast. The ship sank in 90 seconds with the loss of 32 out of 37 of the crew and also two Norwegian pilots.

Some survivors were picked up by the Norwegian motor-boat Farida, the captain of which states that he saw the submarine's conning tower break surface between the Deptford and land.

TRIBUTES TO FINNS

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land's salvation will be a triumph for liberty which will re-echo throughout the world.

The "Daily Herald" points out that if one lives in a democracy one is treated as a human being and one cannot be transported from one part of the country to another unless one has broken the law. Not so in Germany and Russia, where thousands are moved from their ancestral homes to suit the strategic aims of their leaders. They are shifted like cattle, the paper says.

Freedom Remains

The "News Chronicle" says that it is remarkable that in Britain in the first four months of the war, most of Britain's political and civil liberties remain intact. This is as it should be. It is striking that whereas the latter lost its unity and guiding power as a result of the present Soviet policy.

They can still carry on however, trying to influence people, and unless they become more sedulous they will not be suppressed.

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NOTICE

(English)

ARMS LICENCES

Holders of Arms Licences are reminded that Arms Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1940 (Fee \$10.00 per licence). Licensees should call at the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), with their licences.

(Sd.) T. H. KING, Commissioner of Police. 29th December, 1939.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sham-shuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1893, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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Unanimous Support For French Budget

PARIS, Dec. 28 (U.P.).—The Senate, by a vote of 303 to 0, passed the civil budget bill providing for an expenditure of 79,247,000,000 francs. Several Senate amendments require the budget to be returned to the Chamber of Deputies, which must make the final vote prior to midnight on Sunday.

"We'll Hang Our Washing" Succeeds "Tipperary" ARMY TRAMPS TO A REAL WAR SONG

All over Great Britain, camps, drill halls, and barracks resound with the lusty voices of soldiers singing the chorus of "We'll hang out our washing on the Siegfried Line", the war song which has been popularised in Hongkong by Nick Korin and his Band, swingers at the Hong Kong Hotel "Gripps".

The experience of the Entertainment National Service Association in providing amusement for the troops suggests that this song is likely to be the "Tipperary" of the present war.

ENSA performances began at the end of September with the despatch to remote country districts of 12 selected concert parties to lighten the monotony of military life. The exact destination of these parties is a closely-guarded secret for military reasons, but it is known that 10 of them went to places in England, and two ventured further north into Scotland.

The activities of ENSA also help towards the solution of the serious problem of unemployment which events have brought about in the theatrical profession. According to an estimate made by the British Actors' Equity Association, only about 800 of England's 4,000 professional actors are at present working, while there is a similar degree of unemployment in the ranks of the theatre's 100,000 ancillary workers. The first dozen concert parties sent out by ENSA had been playing at seaside resorts throughout the summer, and had had to close down on the outbreak of war. They were chosen as loneers, not because of their celebrity, but because they had all their sets, songs, and scenes ready for immediate production.

The whole of the entertainment given to the troops is professional. So seriously has the normal run of theatrical activities been interfered with by the new conditions that there is keen anxiety to preserve exclusively for professional exploitation the opportunities provided by military audiences.

Amateurs have in fact been formally asked not to volunteer their services for the entertainment of the troops. ENSA was tentatively formed in February last, but it was not fully organised until the outbreak of war. It represents many important theatrical associations, including the Incorporated Society of Musicians, British Actors' Equity, the Variety Artists' Federation, the Concert Artists' Federation, the Musicians' Union, and the Association of Dance Band Leaders.

ENSA works in conjunction with the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institute for National Service Purposes. The Army has been in more or less active existence ever since 1917, when it grew out of the Army and Navy Canteen Board. Its headquarters are now in the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, which has been chosen because its vast stage permits the rehearsal of about 20 shows simultaneously.

Ample plans are held for the future, when Mr. Godfrey Tearle, famous English actor, hopes to present a series of full-length plays.

EXETER'S CASUALTY LISTS

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Telegraphist M. T. Kavanagh. Stoker (1st class) A. E. Kelly. Telegraphist A. R. Lumsden. Stoker (1st class) W. MacLeod. Stoker (1st class) G. Manning. Corporal W.G.R. Marsh. A. B. F. H. McDowell. Marine E. Mill. Stoker (2nd class) C. Monks. A. B. T. H. Naylor. Stoker (1st class) P. J. O'Leary. Telegraphist D. J. Parris. Stoker (1st class) E. P. Pitt. Leading Supply Assistant L. W. Pullybank. Stoker Petty Officer F. Randall. Chief Yeoman Signals T. Remick. A. B. B. Richards. Leading Seaman G. Richards. Telegraphist A. S. Right. Blacksmith (3rd class) R. J. Small. Boy (1st class) E. B. Squire. Stoker Petty Officer R. M. Steele. Marine A. Stubbs. Telegraphist R. W. Taylor. Stoker (1st class) J. E. Thompson. Stoker Petty Officer G. E. Tovey. Chief Petty Officer E. F. Tregidgo. Stoker (1st class) P. Wilson.

Died of Wounds
Chief Petty Officer W. A. Alinge. Leading Stoker E. I. George. A. B. L. C. Hill. Acting Leading Seaman A. V. Phillips. A. H. Spencer. Missing, Believed Killed
Chief Stoker S. B. P. Teague.

PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA STARTS

CARU, Dec. 23 (Reuters).—The start of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca was marked to-day by the ceremony of the Holy Carpet, which will be laid over the Kaaba, the most holy relic of Islamism, in the courtyard of the Mosque at Mecca.

Artillerymen Who Shone In The Mud

By PHILIP JORDAN

News Chronicle Correspondent with the B.E.F. FRANCE.

WINTER, after an absence of several days, has come again to this part of France.

Rain, so intense that visibility shrank to comparatively a few yards, soaked the British Expeditionary Force to the skin to-day—but it damped neither their enthusiasm nor their capacity for hard work.

Of the latter there is no end, as a battery of 25-pounders showed this morning in its dress rehearsal for the grimmer events which it anticipates and for which it is fully prepared.

INDIAN TROOPS AGAIN IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—Indian troops, led by British and Indian officers, have arrived in France with a large number of mules.

The men are all Moslems from all parts of India and are accompanied by a smaller "army" of non-combatants—religious teachers, cooks and water carriers.

They have brought their own food with them and in addition will be given certain food supplies given to the B.E.F.—tea, sugar and fresh vegetables.

FINNISH INVASION OF U.S.S.R. MEETS SUCCESS

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they are avoiding heavy engagements. They have headed for Kandalaksha, which is situated at the spot where the railway skirts the White Sea at its northern end.

If they can cut the railway and hang on in that area, the Soviets will be unable to get reinforcements and supplies through to the Petsamo front.

On the Petsamo front, the Russians have completely lost the initiative and are practically in a state of siege.

Tanks Form Fortress

A Finnish officer who has just returned from that area reports that at least 150 Soviet tanks are snow-bound and in many cases the Finns have found their crews frozen to death inside.

The crews of others are either surrounded or have fled.

In other cases, Soviet tank detachments have placed their tanks in a circle, forming a small but effective fortress. They are difficult to attack but at the same time they are isolated and useless to the main drive.

On the central front, the Soviets have lost large quantities of men and materials in their retreat, while the last remnants from the southern front are being driven back in the Mannerheim Line and in the south-east have been repulsed.

Snow fell in Helsinki to-day and as the storm seems to be general, little air activity is likely.

Fighting On Ice

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINKI, Dec. 28 (U.P.).—It has been officially stated that the Finnish troops, wiped out by Russian companies in fierce hand-to-hand fighting on the ice on Lake Suvalto in the Karelian Isthmus area on Wednesday.

Fighting also continues in the east-central Russo-Finnish frontier and in the Arvidsjoberg area.

The official announcement said the Russians for the first time succeeded in crossing the mile-wide Lake Suvalto but strong Finnish counterattacks drove them back. The Russians were also driven back on the frontier north of Lickka and again at four points between Hatjalohi and Summa and at two points between Summa and Muola-Jarvi.

Russian planes strafed civilians in Wednesday's air raids over the southern sectors. It has also been officially confirmed that nine Russian planes were shot down during Wednesday's raids. Latest reports indicate that there was fighting yesterday and Wednesday north of Suomussalmi around Lake Tunturi.

From the sulphurous clouds that covered a little village not far behind our lines the battery drove this morning to take up positions in the mud that grows deeper almost every day.

Haystack Post
Signallers also preceded the battery of guns, laying telephone wires from the observation post to headquarters, and from headquarters to the gun troop command posts.

They rolled along the lines in their fast lorries laying cable at the rate of 40 miles every hour.

When the "goose-horses," as old cavalry officers scornfully call their tractors, first came out of the mist and splashed their leisurely way across the ford all was ready for them and for the guns which they trailed behind them.

About 100 yards from its destination the first tractor with its ammunition waggon and gun turned off the road into the muddy field. Less than three and a quarter minutes later its gun was ready to be fired, and the tractor disappeared into a place of comparative safety.

100 Per Cent. Competence
As tractor after tractor—each named as though it was one of the trained horses which it has replaced—moved across the field the ruts became deeper; but not one of the scores of vehicles that are necessary to bring a modern battery to its position of action failed to reach its destination.

In modern war you always use the existing track if you can possibly manage to do so, for a multiplicity of tracks tell spotting aeroplanes that there is activity going on; and that is something which must be concealed at all costs.

Off The Rails
Only one of this morning's guns gave any trouble. It slid off its platform at a point where it was difficult to get the gun crew to haul it back. To get any purchase at all they had to stand in knee-deep mud—and not one of them had gum boots.

Such efficiency as that displayed by the gun crew would have been impressive in even the best conditions, but to-day it was the more so. There was no shouting, no raising of voices; each man knew exactly what to do; and any commands that either the gun troop leader or his sergeant wished to give were spoken in almost a whisper.

The only sound that you could hear was the whirring of the tractors in the mud, and up above, hidden in the clouds, the intermittent humming of distant aeroplanes, all keeping an eye open for the enemy who does not come.

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—A desire to develop existing friendly Franco-Japanese relations was expressed by the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Rensu Sawada, while presenting his credentials to M. Lebrun, the French President.

A leader in "Le Temps" notes with satisfaction the "improvement" in Japan's relations with the Western Powers, and says that the talks with the United States, Britain and France in Tokyo are certainly being developed in an atmosphere of real cordiality in contrast to the reception of Berlin's unsparing advice to Tokyo.

Ribbentrop's Small Hopes

"It does not seem that, come what may, Herr Ribbentrop has any chance of achieving a diplomatic success in Tokyo to compensate for the rebuffs he suffered elsewhere."

Referring to Russo-Japanese relations and the suggestion that Russia might cease supporting Chiang Kai-shek, "Le Temps" adds that nothing at present suggests that this idea has made much headway.

POST OFFICE

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

On Monday, the 1st January 1940, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

The Branch Post Office at Stanley, Tai Po and On Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Japan Parcel Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are used 15 minutes before the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco, Dec. 29. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th Dec.

Canton Dec. 29.

Shanghai Dec. 29.

London Dec. 29.

J.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 2nd Dec.) Dec. 29.

Japan and Shanghai Dec. 30.

Shanghai Dec. 30.

Strait Dec. 30.

Japan, Shanghai and Formosa Dec. 31.

London and Straits Dec. 31.

Shanghai and Amoy Dec. 31.

Strait and Saigon Dec. 31.

Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane Jan. 1.

Haiphong and Holhow Jan. 1.

Haiphong, Holhow and Fort Bayard Jan. 1.

Shanghai Jan. 1.

Strait Jan. 1.

Airmail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London Date 23rd Dec. Jan. 2.

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 27th Dec. Jan. 3.

Japan Jan. 3.

Java and Manila Jan. 3.

Shanghai Jan. 3.

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Friday, Dec. 29

Bangkok 1.30 p.m.

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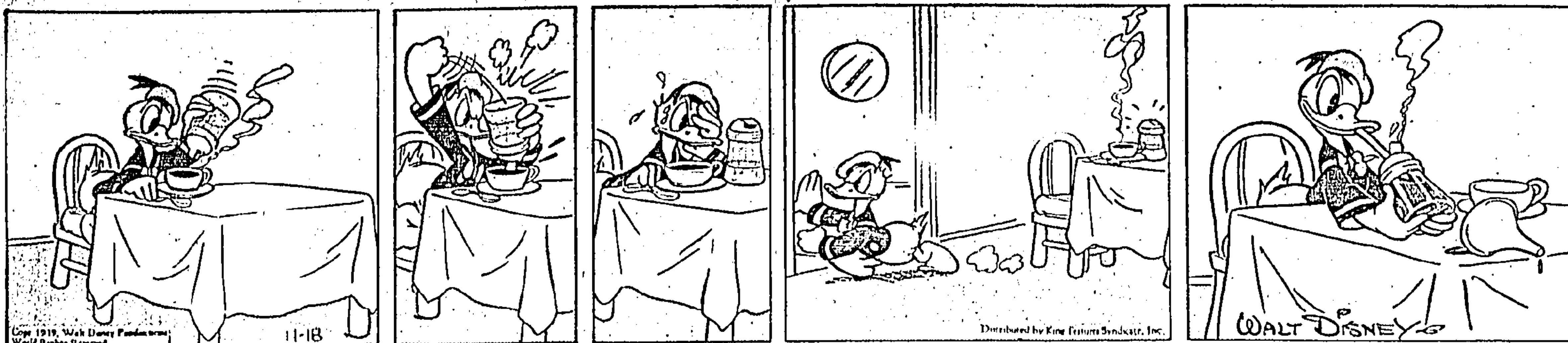
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INSIDE NEWS

Mussolini has called for a report on progress of the Brenner fortifications on the German frontier, begun some months ago. He is taking no chances.

Nazi experts have discovered that the explosive used in the Munich bomb Hitler escaped was invented by a Jewish chemist, Gabriel Emmerich, who committed suicide in Dachau camp after Himmler had interned him.

The explosive is known as No. 17. Its formula was found among Emmerich's effects, tried out by experts and kept in reserve. It was used for the first time in the Munich bomb.

Gestapo is trying to discover how the secret leaked out.

Hitler's faith in astrology has been shaken. His favourite seer, Dr. Huber, is in a concentration camp.

For six months almost all Huber's prognostications have gone wrong. He supported Ribbentrop in forecasting that Britain would not fight. He also said the stars foretold Balkan diplomatic successes. Then Turkey went pro-Allies.

His fall came when, in a published horoscope, he compared Hitler with Wallenstein, great General in the Thirty Years' War. Thousands of readers wrote pointing out Wallenstein was murdered by his own officers. This so angered Hitler that Himmler acted.

Gas Corps Work

PARIS—French women are busy in the formation of a new corps for war service. Their efforts have the full approval of the "passive defence" authorities.

The new corps is destined for special work during gas attack. It consists of some 150 women and is not likely to expand to much larger dimensions since its requirements are stringent.

The corps is composed of motor drivers and chemists, and both will work in an emergency under the direct orders of the police.

French women are at this time

showing themselves in no way lacking in courage. Although warned that the towns and countryside of their eastern frontiers offer the most precarious living conditions, they refuse to leave them so long as any possibility of useful work remains to be done there. From all over the country come offers of help from women who are ready to leave places of comparative safety in order to undertake work made necessary by war conditions.

A corps of auxiliary airwomen has been set up in Paris. Members of the French Air Force in the Legion d'Honneur have opened a bureau at which are received offers from women for all kinds of war work.

FRENCH LAY AS TRAP FOR GLASS NAZIS

By SEFTON DELMER,
Daily Express War Reporter

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.
OVER on the little bit of front which I watched, the Germans took not the slightest notice of the coming-of-age of Armistice Day, and from what I hear from other sectors, they don't seem to have let off the burst of strafing we had all rather expected from them for 11 a.m. November 11, 1939, seventieth day of the new war.

Ex-Kaiser "banned" gas bombs

GAS bombs were not dropped on London in the last war because the Kaiser forbade it at the last moment—so says Mr. Edward J. Bing, journalist, soldier and traveller, in his autobiography "Of the Meek and the Mighty."

In Berlin, after the war, a former Zeppelin commander told me the Germans had perfected a deadly gas bomb.

"And why was it never used?" asked Mr. Bing.

"Well," said the commander, "my Zeppelin was provided with the bombs immediately the invention was completed, and I had orders to drop them on London."

Just In Time

"We were all set to take off, and I was just going into the gondola when a phone call came through for me from Spa."

"G.H.Q. this end. That Captain O? Glad I got you in time. You are on no account to take those gas bombs with you. S.M. (for Seine Majesty), His Majesty, meaning the Kaiser) wishes them to be left behind."

The commander said he was also ordered to use the bombs on Verdun, and again the Kaiser said "No" at the last moment.

Once the officer was just off to bomb a house three miles behind the French lines in which it was known King George V, Marshal Joffre, and Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Asquith were staying, when he was told the command had been cancelled.

Once more it was "S.M.'s orders." Reason given by the German officer: "The Kaiser is deeply religious."

I stood beside the solitary guard left behind the sandbagged parapet at the French end of the Strasbourg-Kehl bridge.

Along the barrel of his machine-gun I squinted down the black iron bridge which I have crossed so often, past the broken bottles at the French end—"If they try to come up in the night we shall hear them crunching in the glass"—past the two barbed-wire barricades, the first French, the second German, to the German blockhouse and sandbagged parapet at the other end.

Nothing moved there. There was no sound. Only the Rhine kept swirling swollen, yellow and dirty, under the bridge.

The mist hid what was behind the Customs House. (Wonder whether they've left the Turkish bath arrangement in the Customs House—Going to greet you as you enter, Hitler in main room to hot you, and Himmler as a cold shower to send you off into Nazi Germany.)

Then, just as I heard the voice of the captain roaring: "Fixe, present arms" at the bridge guard paraded outside, the mist lifted a bit on the other bank and I saw them to the left of the bridge in front of a yellow villa on the Rhine edge.

Two figures were bobbing under a piece of camouflaged tarpaulin—two German soldiers in the dirty grey of their fatigue dress.

They scuttled down a shallow communication trench and were gone. Deep and clear came the captain's voice from behind me—"Soldiers," he said, "Twenty-one years ago to-day Fritz surrendered."

"Now he has forced war on us again. Once more we shall force him to surrender. The valor of those who fought him and defeated him, before lives on. The valor of the soldiers of France, Britain, the United States and our other Allies."

"It is their example we shall follow, we and our British comrades. As we stand here to-day facing the same enemy that they faced, we vow that these who fell in those four years shall not have fought and died in vain."

Across the Rhine the two Germans popped out again as the tarpaulin flapped. They had stayed. From somewhere near them came the grinding noise of a concrete mixer making cement for another bit of fortification.

The soldiers behind me stood to attention grim and silent, listening to the present, thinking of the past, promising for the future.

Then again came the captain's command. The soldiers' rifles slipped back to their shoulders. A minute later they were back once more in their positions guarding their bridge which still connects Germany with France.

They watched, but not a shot was fired. As a matter of fact, here at Strasbourg-on-the-Rhine, the only guns that go off are the anti-aircraft guns firing at reconnaissance planes which day after day make their patrols up and down the river.

So far, Hitler has made no attempt to bombard Strasbourg. It would not be healthy for him if he did. The French have their artillery, too.

But although things are quiet here for the moment, their nose willing

to bet they will stay that way. Strasbourg has been emptied of its 200,000 inhabitants—ready for the worst.

Only a thousand remain, brave men and women who have stayed on to see that their town stays clean while it waits for its fate.

It was my second visit to Strasbourg since the evacuation. But still it had the same effect on me. I have seen plenty of deserted towns in my time, but never one that was not in ruins, not in process of being looted, either by its own defenders or the enemy.

Strasbourg is clean, fresh and intact. Shop windows still show their wares. I felt sick watching the sweepers at work on the fallen leaves in the clean, empty streets, the workmen at the cathedral putting protective covering against shell splinters on the Gothic masonry, filling in clean white plaster in place of the stained glass they had removed from its tall windows.

It was like seeing a beautiful woman dressed to face the guillotine.

Some day Strasbourg may be shelled as a punishment for a German reverse.

Merle Oberon Surprise

NEW YORK—Merle Oberon and her husband, Alexander Korda, puzzled Hollywood recently by issuing a joint statement, saying: "We don't know whether everything is all right or not."

Later Mr. Korda said: "Everything is all right; I don't want to talk now." Still later, Merle said: "Everything is NOT all right; we're going to talk it over."

Mr. Korda arrived in New York with the British film "The Lion Has Wings." Miss Oberon has been over here for a month. They were married last June in the town hall of Antibes, on the Riviera.

100 New Warships For Navy

78 for Nazis

THE British Navy will be strengthened in the coming months by 100 first-class warships, and the German Navy by seventy-three, according to details in the new issue of Jane's Fighting Ships.

The British programme, says Fighting Ships (Sampson and Low, 52s. 6d.), is:—

Battle-ships	9	Destroyers	23
Aircraft carriers	6	Submarines	11
Cruisers	23	Escort vessels	24
Minelayers	4		

The German programme is given as:—

Battle-ships	4	Destroyers	2
Aircraft carriers	2	Torpedo boats	30
Heavy cruisers	3	Submarines	20 (?)
Light cruisers	4		

Four of the British battleships are launched, and are due for completion early next year.

Two German battleships were launched last spring after being three years on the stocks. They may not be completed before 1941.

The total of U-boats building only represents those known to be in hand last summer. Many more have been ordered since, but none of this new construction, to judge by the details in Fighting Ships, can be delivered before next August.

Russia's Fleet

The twenty-eight boats under construction this summer are all that the Germans can add to their fleet in the next few months.

Russia has the biggest submarine force in the world, the figures given being 150 completed and twenty building. A large proportion of these are in the Far East.

America is building the world's largest aircraft carrier—the Hornet. She will cost £6350,000, will carry eighty-three planes, with space for sailing another seventeen, and will house 2,072 officers and men. The Hornet will thus have forty machines and 500 crew more than the British Ark Royal.

CARADOC FUELLING Challenged By U.S. Senator

WASHINGTON (AP).—Senator Rush D. Holt has demanded that the United States Navy give a "complete explanation" of why the British light cruiser Caradoc was allowed to load fuel at the San Diego, Calif., naval depot recently. Before the war the U.S. Caradoc was attached to China Station.

Senator Holt, member of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, said "there should be some exceptional reason for allowing armed warships of a belligerent to come into an American port, load oil and then depart." He added that "it appears some public officials are trying to get this country involved."

Chairman Sol Bloom of the House Foreign Affairs Committee told reporters that "the Senator is unduly alarmed and I think he'll get a satisfactory answer" from acting Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison.

Mr. Bloom called attention to a section of the neutrality act allowing belligerent warships to enter American harbours. Under that section they must leave within 24 hours after taking aboard only enough fuel to carry them to the closest port of their country.

The Caradoc left San Diego presumably for the Canadian base at Esquimaux, B.C.

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Ten thousand pounds will be spent by Al Capone's relatives in an effort to win national popularity and respect for America's one-time Number One bad man.

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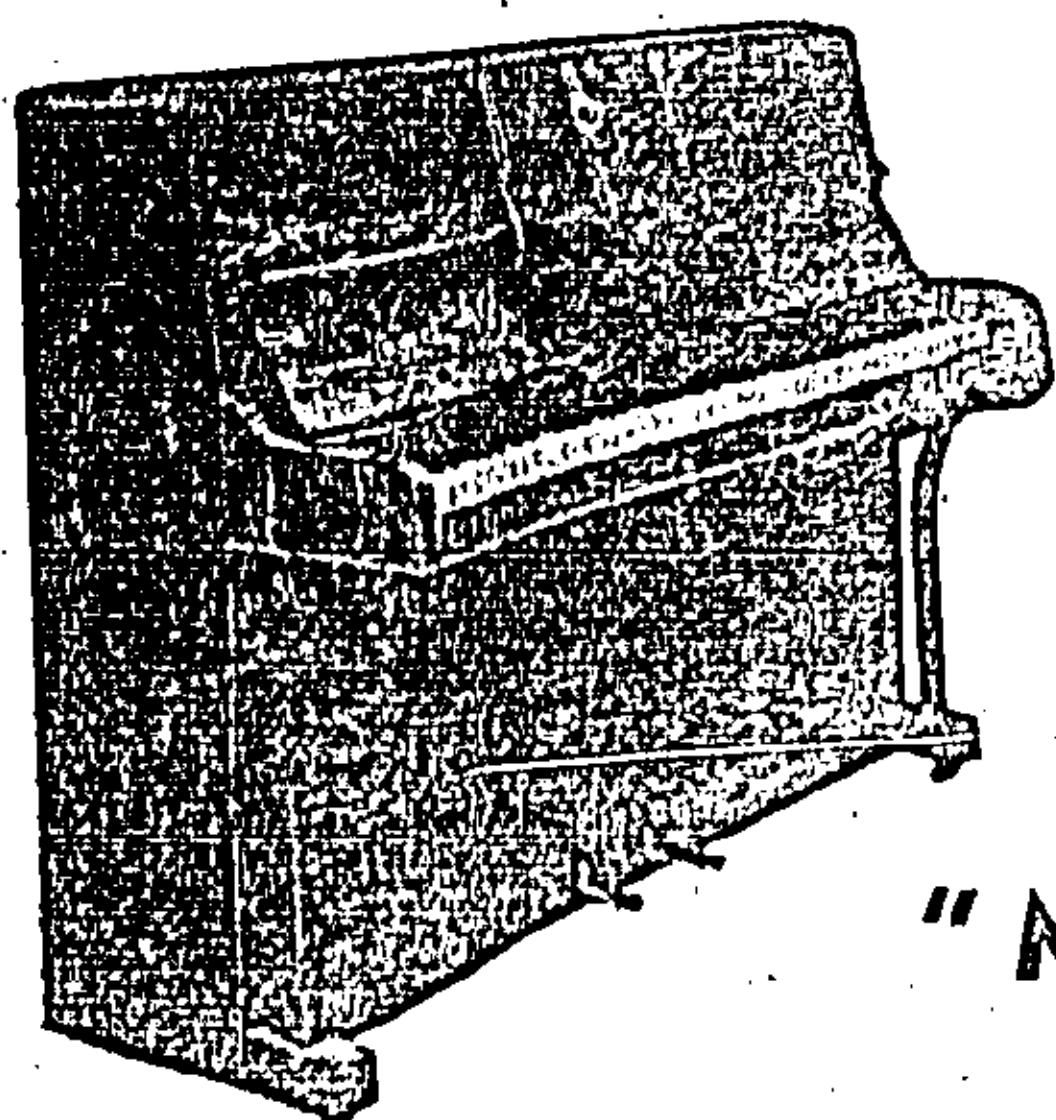
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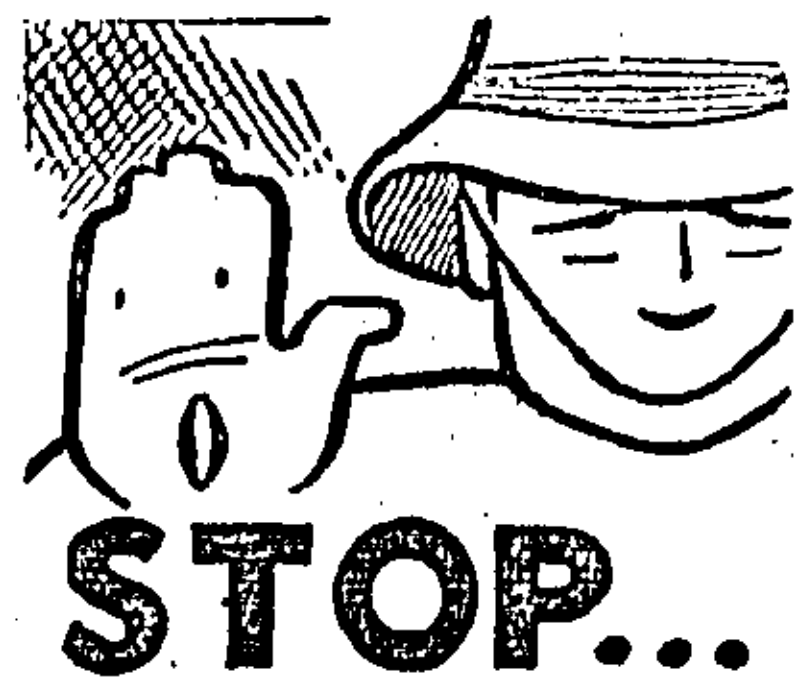
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The Military Moustache

It seems that, as a result of
their being called up for
service in the army, the youth
of Britain are showing an in-
creased tendency to cultivate
the moustache. Not one of a
very luxuriant variety; for,
although the military authorities
are not inclined to split hairs
at this point, anything in the
nature of a "walrus" or a "sea-
lion" might be frowned on. It
is the dapper "tooth-brush" that
is the heir-apparent of those
mighty beards that once waved
at Balaklava and Lucknow—in
the days before the gas-mask
had come and left the unshaven
chin bristling with difficulties.

Perhaps there is some signi-
ficance to be seen in this evolu-
tion of the military countenance.
For the fierce aspect of the "old
moustache," and the rude, un-
couth appearance bestowed by a
shaggy mane, were once held,
no doubt, to be symbols of the
soldier's nature; but it is plain
that little of this earlier con-
cept of him lingers, if one may
judge from the lip-service it re-
ceives.

Eros—Evacuee

One of London's most famous
figures recently appeared on the
list of "evacuees," when the
statue of Eros was removed
from Piccadilly Circus. It was
a very high compliment; for al-
though His Majesty's Office of
Works has sent James II into
exile, taken away from the
House of Commons a bust of
Cromwell, and erected a scaff-
old for Charles I in Whitehall,
this time to protect him, it has
left the rest of London's statues
to stand their ground unshel-
tered.

The average Londoner takes
little exception to this since he
has always had a feeling that
"they'd none of them be
missed." But this does not ap-
ply to Eros. Eros made a
pleasant contrast to those
eminent gentlemen who "sleep
in dull, cold marble" all over
London's squares, but who,
wrapped in their frock coats, or
frogged tunics, are, in the Lon-
doner's view, so far from being
sleeping beauties.

The city evidently recognised
the fact: it would much rather
have seen the captains and the
kings depart, not to mention the
politicians, and it paid Eros a
tribute that it seldom pays to
them—it looked at him. He
conquered not only its attention,
but its affection; and although
when peace returns, the Stuarts
may enjoy another Restoration,
they will hardly receive such an
ovation as will conquering Eros.

BLOCKADE NEWS REEL

A GLANCE at the
map will show you
why Napoleon,
more than a century
ago, cursed the geogra-
phical situation of Great
Britain, why Hitler
curses that same in-
escapable fact to-day.

The heavy lines show the
sea routes by which in
peace-time industrialised,
urbanised Germany receives
her main imports of iron
ore, wool, oil, cotton, wheat,
coffee, fruit, butter, coal,
timber, copper and tin from
the U.S.A., Argentine,
Brazil, India, China and
Japan.

To reach Germany all the
North and South Atlantic
sea routes must converge
into two main traffic lines,
both dominated by the
British Navy. The northern
routes must pass somewhere
between the 250-mile span
between Northern Scotland
and Southern Norway, the
southern routes must pass
up the English Channel,
through the 20-mile Straits
of Dover. Those 270 miles
control 85 per cent. of
Germany's overseas trade
routes, and those 270 miles
are controlled by Britain.

Further South, the great
Mediterranean trade routes
can also be controlled by the
Allied navies from several
bases. At Suez, Malta and
Gibraltar vessels can be
inspected for contraband.

HOW BLOCKADE WORKS

During the last war the
blockade of Germany was
maintained by the 10th
Cruiser Squadron. At its
maximum strength this in-
cluded 20 armed merchant
cruisers, comprising ships
of the Allan, White Star,
Orient, Anchor, P. & O.,
Union Castle, Royal Mail,
Furness Withy, Elders &
Fyffes and other lines.

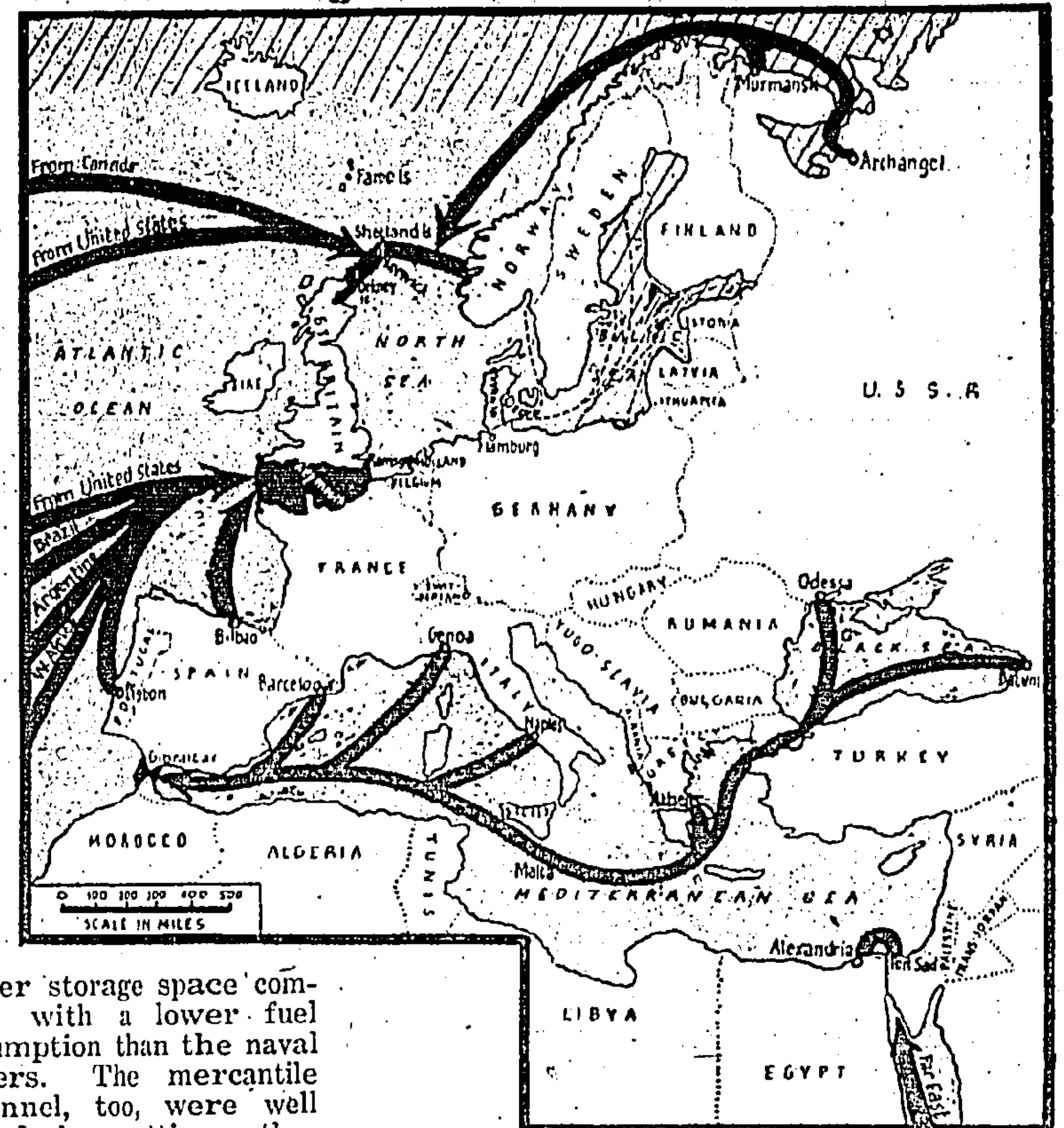
These were commanded
by naval officers, but other-
wise the personnel was
mainly R.N.R. (ex-mercan-
tile). Experience during
the first few months of the
blockade proved these to be
much better suited for such
work than the old naval
cruisers employed at the
beginning. This procedure
not only released naval men
for strictly naval duties, but
the merchant cruisers had

greater storage space com-
bined with a lower fuel
consumption than the naval
cruisers. The mercantile
personnel, too, were well
trained in spotting other
merchant vessels, and any
odd features about those
vessels.

These merchant cruisers
were armed with 6in. and
3in. guns, and their fuelling
capacity enabled them to
stay at sea for periods
varying up to 30 days.
Vessels were divided into
patrols which covered the
whole area from Iceland
to the Hebrides, and as ice
prevents ships from passing
north of Iceland for several
months of the year it was
only necessary to keep that
section patrolled during the
summer months. In the map
above, the scored area re-
presents the extent of the
ice during the winter
months.

As a general rule ships
were about 30 miles apart,
since visibility for the look-
out in the crow's nest was
usually about 15 miles. Zig-
zag courses were always
steered to guard against
submarine attack, and the
general rate of steaming
was 15 knots. In the centre
of the line what was known
as an "in and out patrol" was maintained.

Ships would steam in line
abreast (i.e. on parallel
courses) along the tracks of



shipping for 30 or 40 miles
in one direction, and then
for a similar distance in the
reverse direction. During
the hours of darkness all
ships would steam to the
eastward, and during day-
light to the westward, thus
preventing vessels slipping
through the cordon at night.

Ships nearer the ex-
tremity of the line would
maintain what was known
as a cross patrol, steaming
backwards and forwards in
line ahead, across the track
of shipping; for a similar
distance to the "in and out"
patrols.

FIGURES OF SUCCESS

Throughout the period
this patrol was in operation,
only 4 per cent. of the mer-
chant ships crossing the At-
lantic managed to avoid the
blockade. During the
heaviest week recorded 156
ships were boarded and 58
sent into port for examina-
tion. Two armed raiders
succeeded in getting
through disguised as neutral
merchantmen, but two were
detected and sunk.

From May 1, 1918, the
blockade was maintained by
a huge minefield laid be-
tween Norway and the Ork-

neys. Immediately behind
it, and in the Fair Island
channel, hundreds of des-
troyers, patrol vessels,
trawlers and other small
craft, fitted with anti-
submarine devices, were
constantly on patrol.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

In the English Channel
the blockade was a compa-
ratively simple procedure.
To-day, control stations are
established at Weymouth,
Ramsgate and Lerwick (in
the Shetland Islands). To
these control stations all
vessels suspected of carry-
ing contraband to German
ports are conducted for
examination.

Prize Courts in the last
war were sitting from Sep-
tember, 1914, and did not
conclude their work until
long after the signature of
peace. Up to March 31,
1920, the amount which had
passed through the Registry
of the Court was \$21,254,-
412; and up to March 31,
1938, \$6,770,927 was paid
out to the Naval Prize Fund
for distribution among the
personnel of the Royal Navy
and those who were attach-
ed to it during the Great
War.

The Allies Were Aryans Once

ONE of these days some one
will ask Herren Goebbels
and Streicher who introduced
the Aryan theory into Germany.
Then there will be a rumour.

The Aryan theory is the most
remarkable—and, as it has
turned out, dangerous—accident,
for which we are not entirely
blameless. The French invent-
ed it; we made it popular, and
introduced it to Germany; and
there it was firmly planted in
patriotic minds by a Jewish
philosopher.

That is awkward for the
National Socialists, but quite
quite true.

It all began like this. Not so
long ago we Europeans knew
nothing about the languages of
India, and when Sir William
Jones, a celebrated philologist,
went to that country on Govern-
ment business he took the
trouble to learn Sanskrit, which
gave him the clue to the origin
of a big group of European
languages—English, German,

Icelandic and a host of others
among them.

These languages are now called
Indo-European or Indo-Ger-
manic; but Sir William trans-
lated the Sanskrit term quite
innocently by the word Arya—
and then the trouble began.

A number of ethnologists and
self-styled anthropologists got
hold of these Sanskrit researches
and jumped to the conclusion
that if people speak similar
languages you can say they be-
long to one race.

In 1855 Count Joseph de
Gobineau, an enthusiastic and
eccentric Frenchman, wrote a
book called "Essay on the In-
equality of the Human Races,"
which, as the title suggests,
tried to prove that one so-called
race—the Aryan race—was the
greatest in the world.

The book caused much discus-
sion in France and England. It
was very nice for every one to
think that he belonged to the
chosen race. The Prussian Mini-

ster in Britain, Baron Bunsen,
took up the theory with
enthusiasm and passed it on to
his pupil, Max Muller, for many
years a professor at Oxford. In
France the Aryan race was
eventually identified by de
Lapouge with the Nordic group
(originating near the Baltic).

Max Muller plugged the
Aryan theory for forty years,
and then at length realised that
he had been barking up the
wrong tree. Just fifty years
ago he wrote: "I have declared
again and again that if I say
Aryans, I mean neither blood
nor bones, nor hair, nor skull;
I mean simply those who speak
an Aryan language."

And Yiddish has a good claim
to be considered an Aryan
language. That was why Moses
Mandelstam, Jewish-German
philosopher, took up the Aryan
theory and introduced it to
German scholars.

By the time the German uni-
versities got hold of the mis-

taken theory the English had
got over it and the French were
laughing at de Gobineau and de
Lapouge. Unfortunately, the
German nationalist movement
absorbed it with a vengeance.

Gustav Kossinna, Prussian
nationalist, appointed himself
Aryan historian of the German
people and tried to prove that
"history was pre-eminently a
German, national science,"
though no one could imagine
why history should be a national
science. Kossinna's fol-
lowers.

But due to the national
science appeared on the title-
page of the second edition of his
book. It was dated: "On the
day of general mobilisation,
1914."

And on the same day a group
of young Prussians formed a
corps with a new standard—the
swastika.

Singapore Chinese Leader Expelled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SINGAPORE, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Government has issued an expulsion order against a prominent Chinese resident, Mr. Hau Say-huan, a member of the China Relief Fund Committee which sends millions of dollars annually to China.

Mr. Hau is alleged to have encouraged unlawful societies under the cloak of genuinely patriotic activities.

In addition to being a member of the Fund Committee, he is a Director of a Singapore newspaper and the manager of an insurance company.

Sir Alexander Small, the Colonial Secretary, attended a meeting of the Fund Committee and stated that Mr. Hau personally encouraged the activities of unlawful societies—the Vanguard Corps and an Anti-Enemy Society—and was backing up a society which had committed many acts of violence and terrorism in the name of Chinese patriotism.

Sir Alexander said that these dangerous societies were closely connected, while the Anti-Enemy Society was the organ of the Malayan Communist Party, which in itself was a dangerous subversive organization aiming at the overthrow of the government by open revolution.

Danger To Peace

Sir Alexander referred to leaflets issued by the Anti-Enemy Society and drew attention to particularly inflammatory passages and drawings.

"While the government sympathises sincerely with the Chinese in China, these illegal organizations have become a danger to the peace and good order of the Colony," he said.

Mr. Hau is required to leave Malaya before December 31 and must not return.

Flight Over Germany

One British Plane Fails To Return

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. carried out a successful reconnaissance flight over north-west Germany.

One plane did not return. Other air activity included an attack on German ships when, despite fierce A.A. fire, one bomb at least was seen to hit the stern of one vessel.

In two cases elsewhere three Dornier flying boats were put to rout. There were no British casualties.

German Claims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Dec. 28 (UP).—The official news agency reports that Lieut. Col. Karl Schumacher, piloting a pursuit plane, shot down an R.A.F. bomber over the German coast today.

Schumacher commanded the squadron which the Germans claimed brought down 36 R.A.F. planes on December 18.

The news agency also reports that the German patrols increased their activity on the western front with "good results."

Another report said that, despite bad weather, the Germans carried out reconnaissance flights over the English coast on Wednesday.

EUROPEAN FOUND DEAD

Called in by the landlord of the second floor of No. 34, Austin Road, Kowloon, police this morning discovered the body of Stephen Michael Tracey, a 30-year-old clerk who is believed to have recently arrived in the Colony.

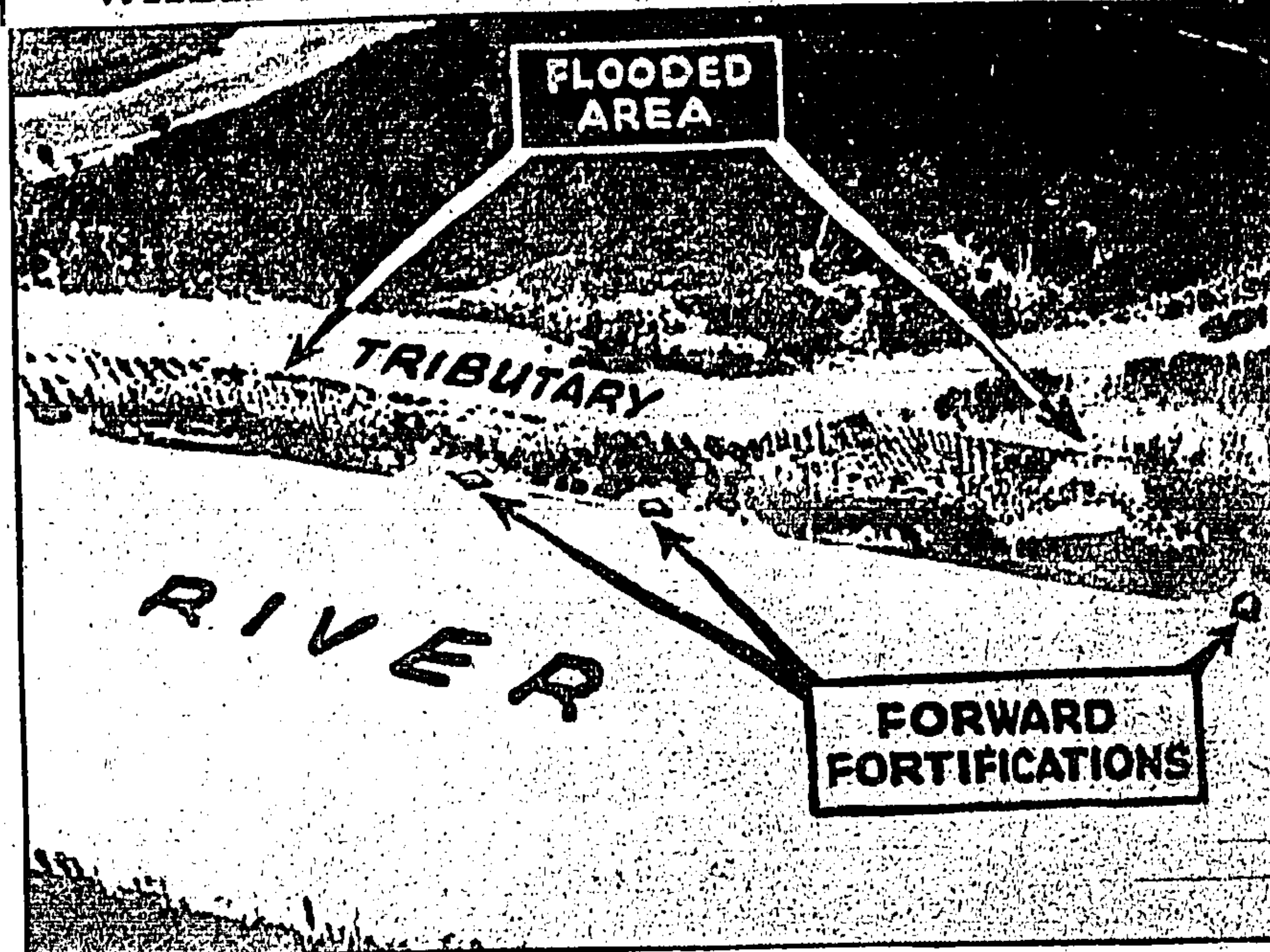
The discovery was made by Sgt. Matches, of Tsimshatsui Police Station. Tracey was lying across his bed.

The body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary, where a post mortem was performed this morning.

The police, whose report states that suicide is suspected, refuse to reveal the result of the post mortem or any further details in connection with the death.

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WASH-OUT ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE



This picture, received in Hongkong last night, is the first to reach the Colony of the flooded Siegfried Line. It was taken during one of the many reconnaissance flights made by Allied planes, and shows fortifications of the West Wall under water at a point near a river bank.

HIGH COST OF TROOPS

Belgium Finds It A Severe Burden

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The expense of keeping troops mobilised was stressed by the Premier, M. Pierlot, speaking in the Senate today when he declared that the Government could not accept any amendments to the financial proposals already adopted by the Chamber which would have the effect of reducing revenue from the new taxes contained in them.

Fears Belgium May Lose Out
"I am very much afraid that the result of the inter-Allied struggle between her neighbours and Belgium is the losing of her capital even if she is not called upon to give her blood. There are some people who show indifference when they are faced with danger or who appear to ignore it completely."

"Keeping troops continually in a state of mobilisation is an expensive matter and the cost ought to be met by an internal loan, for money borrowed abroad would be too dear, especially in view of the present conditions."

"The sacrifices which every Belgian is called upon to make are enormous, but safety is what our country demands of them."

Freighter Aground Off New York

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—The British freighter, City of Singapore, sent a radio message at 10:20 a.m. today saying she was aground east of the Ambrose lightship, about one mile inside the entrance to New York harbour.

Vessel Refloated
The City of Singapore has been refloated, says "Reuter". She was apparently not seriously damaged.

DUBLIN TENSION

Search For I.R.A. Saboteurs

DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—An armed military cordon still ringed the city to-night as Police and troops continued the search for the ammunition stolen from Phoenix Park on Saturday.

Twenty arrests have already been made.

The search goes on only in the capital, but in the woods and lanes of the counties of Kildare and Wicklow, fields and hedgerows of estates are thoroughly combed.

City Completely Cordoned
In Dublin, military patrols continued to search all cars entering and leaving the city, which is so completely cordoned that it is impossible to enter or leave without passing through at least one patrol.

All pedestrians carrying cases are stopped and searched, and in the country districts the quest is even more thorough, for everyone, whether walking or cycling, has to submit to an examination and explain where they have come from and where they are going.

Government Reward Offer
DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Government is offering a reward of £1,000 for information leading to the recovery of the stolen ammunition.

Substantial rewards will be paid in respect of any portion of the ammunition.

The number of arrest is now estimated at 30.

TO DISCUSS WAR

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The South Rhodesian Minister of Justice and Defence is to visit London shortly by air for discussions on the war. The main subject of his discussions will be war finance, but it is expected that expansion of air training in Rhodesia, supply of Rhodesian products and the further use of Rhodesian fruits will also be on the agenda.

WHERE IS GOERING?

Nazi Chief Believed To Be In Disgrace

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—"What has happened to Field Marshal Hermann Goering?" is a question people are asking in Germany, according to reports reaching here.

The Air Minister has been almost ostentatiously absent from all Christmas festivities.

It is recalled that when Hitler and General Walther von Brauchitsch visited the front, Hess and Goebbels made speeches and all the other Nazi leaders made public appearances, but Goering stayed quietly at Schorfheide, his country home, and did not even appear at the Christmas party for poor children in Berlin.

At Loggerheads
But gifts were distributed on his behalf by an obscure mayor of one of the districts of the capital.

Some people in Berlin suggest that Goering is deliberately keeping himself in the background until some definite issue emerges from the present argument about policy.

It is stated here that violent discussions are raging between the Party and the Army about the future conduct of the war, and Soviet relations.

These persons argue that Goering has decided to hold himself aloof until he sees his way more clearly.

Quarrel With Hitler?
Rival theorists declare that Goering has already quarrelled with Hitler and is temporarily in disgrace, and is accordingly remaining behind the scenes until the trouble has blown over.

Whatever the reason for the Field Marshal's failure to participate in the war time Christmas, it is considered very strange in Germany.

White Hall Evacuation

15,000 Civil Servants Leave London

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The evacuation of civil servants from London will continue.

It is announced that the Government has reconsidered the matter and it now reaffirms its decision that all Government departments which can function away from London must leave.

One estimate says that 15,000 civil servants have already gone, 5,000 more are expected to go shortly and 80,000 are still in London.

Those who still remain are expected to protest at any extension of the evacuation scheme.

American Admiral Dies In Brooklyn

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Navy Department announces the death of Rear Admiral Julius C. Townsend, 60, at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital.

Admiral Townsend was Commandant of the Fourth Naval District Headquarters at Philadelphia at the time of his death.

DANISH STEAMER SUNK BY MINE

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Danish steamer, Hanne, 1,000 tons, was sunk by a mine off the north-east coast today.

RATIONING AT HOME

12 Ounces Of Sugar Each Week

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 28 (UP).—Britain will start sugar rationing on January 8 according to an official announcement made today.

As from that date each person will be allowed 12 ounces sugar a week.

Meat is also to be rationed in the near future, although the amounts and the date from which the rationing will start are yet to be revealed.

Bacon And Butter Also
LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The official sugar rationing begins in Britain on January 8 together with bacon and butter.

The sugar ration will be 12 oz. per person per week.

All those in Britain must register for meat rationing by Monday week and the control of livestock begins a week later.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks, \$.....	1,345 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	\$22½ n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	205 n.
Chartered	205 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. & C.	204 n.
Mercantile, C. & D.	115 n.
East Asia	78 n.

INSURANCES

Canton	\$.....200 b. & sa.
Union	\$.....425 n.
China Underwriter	\$.....154 n.
H.K. Fire	\$.....155 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas	\$.....71½ b.
Steamships	\$.....11 n.
Indo-Chinas P.S.	100 b.
Indo-Chinas D.S.	80 b.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	80 n.
Waterboats	\$.....7½ n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	\$.....102 n.
Docks	\$.....19.00/20.—
Provident	\$.....457½ n.
New time Sh.	10.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	214 n.

MINING

Kailan s/-	17/6 n.
Raub s. ex. div.	10.10 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels	\$.....5 sa.
Lands	\$.....33 b.
Lands 4% Deb.	100 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	117½ n.
Humphreys	\$.....8.00 n.
H.K. Realities	\$.....430 b.
Canine Estates s. ex. div.	101 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	\$.....17 b.
Peak Trams (old)	\$.....3 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	\$......05 b.
Y. Ferries	\$.....22.00 n.
China Lights (old)	\$.....7.00 n.
China Lights (new)	\$.....4.85 n.
H.K. Electric	\$.....52.75 b.
Macao Electric	\$.....18½ n.
Sandakan Lights ex. div.	11.00 b.
Telephones (old)	\$.....24½ b. & sa.
Telephones (new)	\$......10/3 n.
Traction s/-	10/3 n.
Traction (old)	10/3 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$.....14.90 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$.....13 n.
Canton Ice	\$......1 n.
Cemets	\$.....10.00/17.—
H.K. Ropes	\$......0 b.

Dairy Farms (old)	\$.....21½ b.
Dairy Farms (new)	\$.....20.50 b.
Watson	\$.....8.80 b. & sa.
Lane, Crawford	\$.....7½ n.
Sinceres	\$.....1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$......41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	\$......1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh.	\$.....20½ n.
Shal Cotton Sh. s. ex. div.	150 n.
Zong Sing Sh.	\$.....44 n.
Wing On Textiles	Sh. \$.....48½ n.

H.K. Entertainments	\$......634 b.
Constructions (old)	\$.....1.75 b. & sa.
Constructions (new)	\$......1 n.
Vibro Piling	\$......8½ n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925	
G. Bonds	\$.....48% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	\$.....100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan	\$.....97½ n.
Marmans (Ord.)	\$.....14/0 n.
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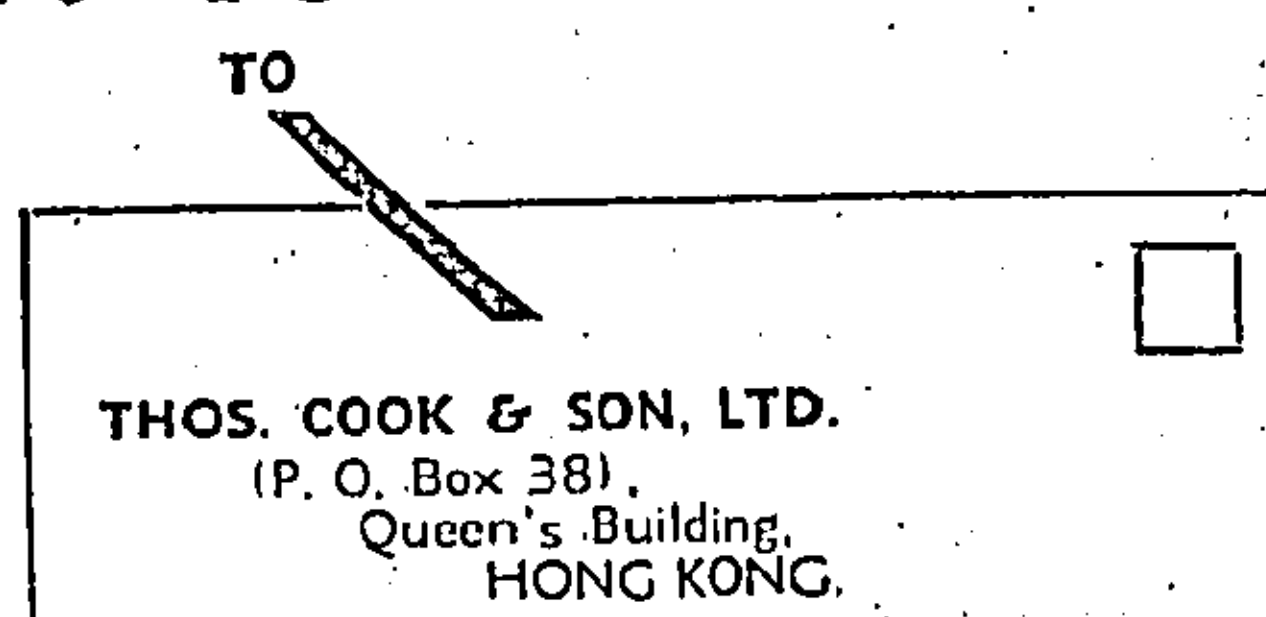
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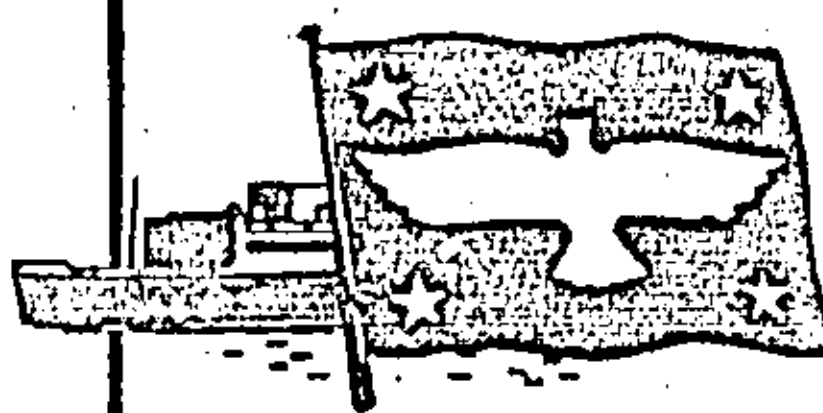
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pool... Sean Nolan's Dublin Orches-
tra; Her Name is Mary (Sister and
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8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
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8.03 Dance Music.

8.20 Studio—Comments on Recent
Events.

8.30 London Relay—"Laugh before
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9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

0.30 London Relay—"World Af-
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ler)... Florio Forde with Chorus
and Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Thankful;
Swing That Music... Louis Arm-
strong and His Orchestra; Vocal—So
Green (film 'That's a good girl')...
Lal Lal (film 'That's a good girl')...
Jack Buchanan with Orchestra;
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way Hostess')... Jay Wilbur and
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ing Pearls Kings; Fox-Trot—Break-
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Wing-keung, Wong Peng-ho, and Liu
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Hongkong Stock Exchange Official
Summary issued yesterday says:
The steadiness is well maintained
together with some increase in the
demand. Quotations for the medium
priced stocks show improvement.

Buyers
H.K. Bank \$1.34 1/2
Canton Ins. \$2.00
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Tramways \$17
Star Ferries \$87
Yaumatei Ferries \$23 1/2
Electric \$52 1/2
Sandakan Lights \$11
Telephones (Old) \$24 1/2
Telephones (New) \$9
Cements \$16.90
Ropes \$9
Dairy Farms (Old) \$21
Dairy Farms (New) \$20.30
Watsons \$8.85
Entertainments \$6 1/2
Constructions (Old) \$1 1/2
Sellers
Providents \$4.57 1/2
Sales
Canton Ins. \$2.00
Docks \$18.00/20
Providents \$4.55/50
H. & S. Hotels \$5
Tramways \$17.10
Telephones (Old) \$24 1/2
Telephones (New) \$9

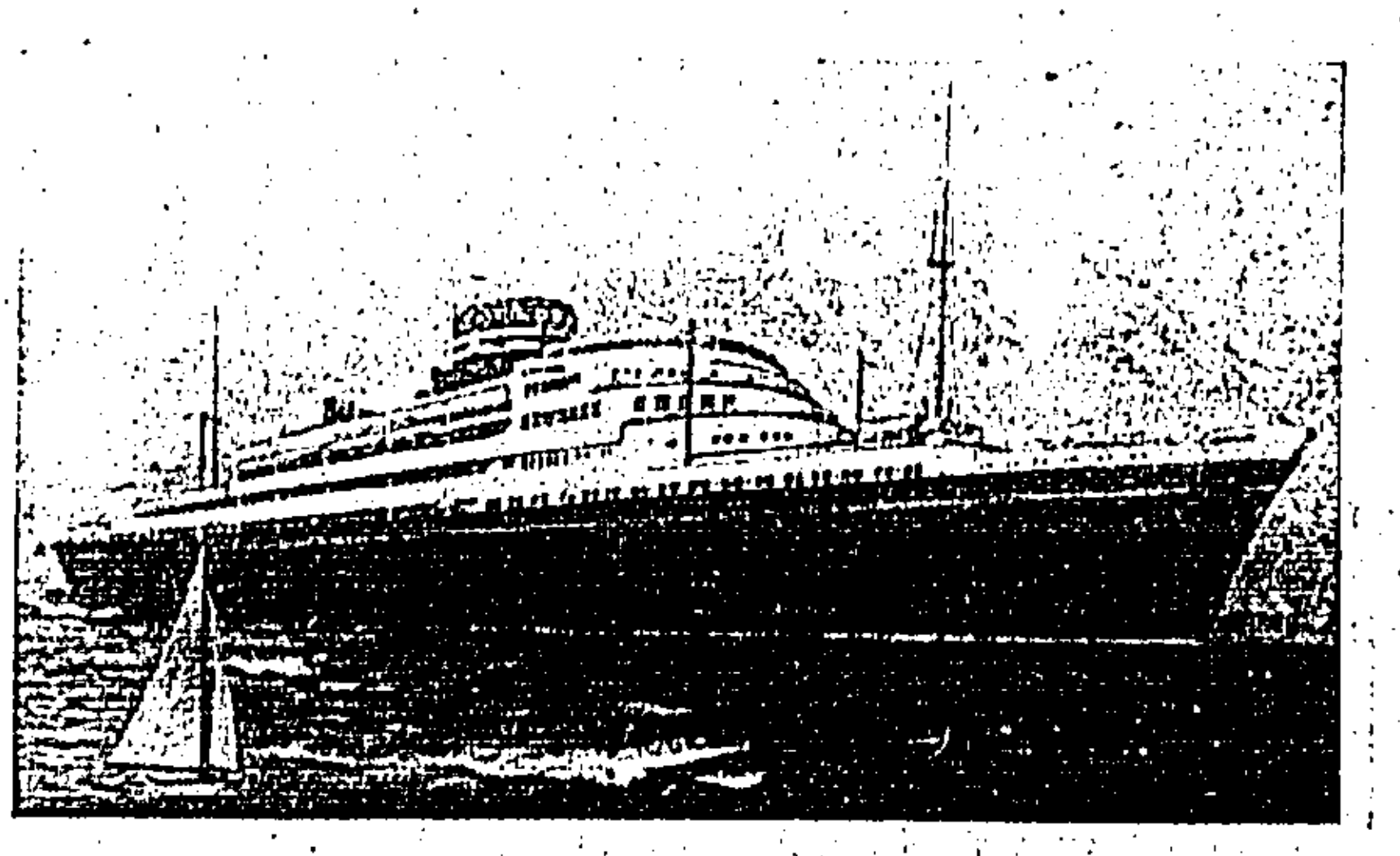
STRANGE WARSHIPS

Vessels Sighted Off
Japanese Coast

Tokyo, Dec. 28.
A white warship of unknown na-
tionality was sighted in Japanese
territorial waters off Fukuoka, in
Kyushu, at 11.10 a.m. to-day ac-
cording to the pilot of a Japanese
airliner which hopped off from
Fukuoka for Seoul, says a telephone
message from Fukuoka.
The mystery warship was sailing
towards Koro Island, from a point
30 kilometres south-east of Oki Is-
land, off Fukuoka Prefecture.
Another strange warship, believed
either a British or an American des-
trover, was sighted yesterday twelve
miles south of Oki Island. This
vessel was seen by the crew of a
Japan Airways airliner on its way
to Seoul. The vessel, cruising west-
ward, appeared to be in the 1,500-
ton category, but it was not possible
to ascertain its nationality.—Domex.

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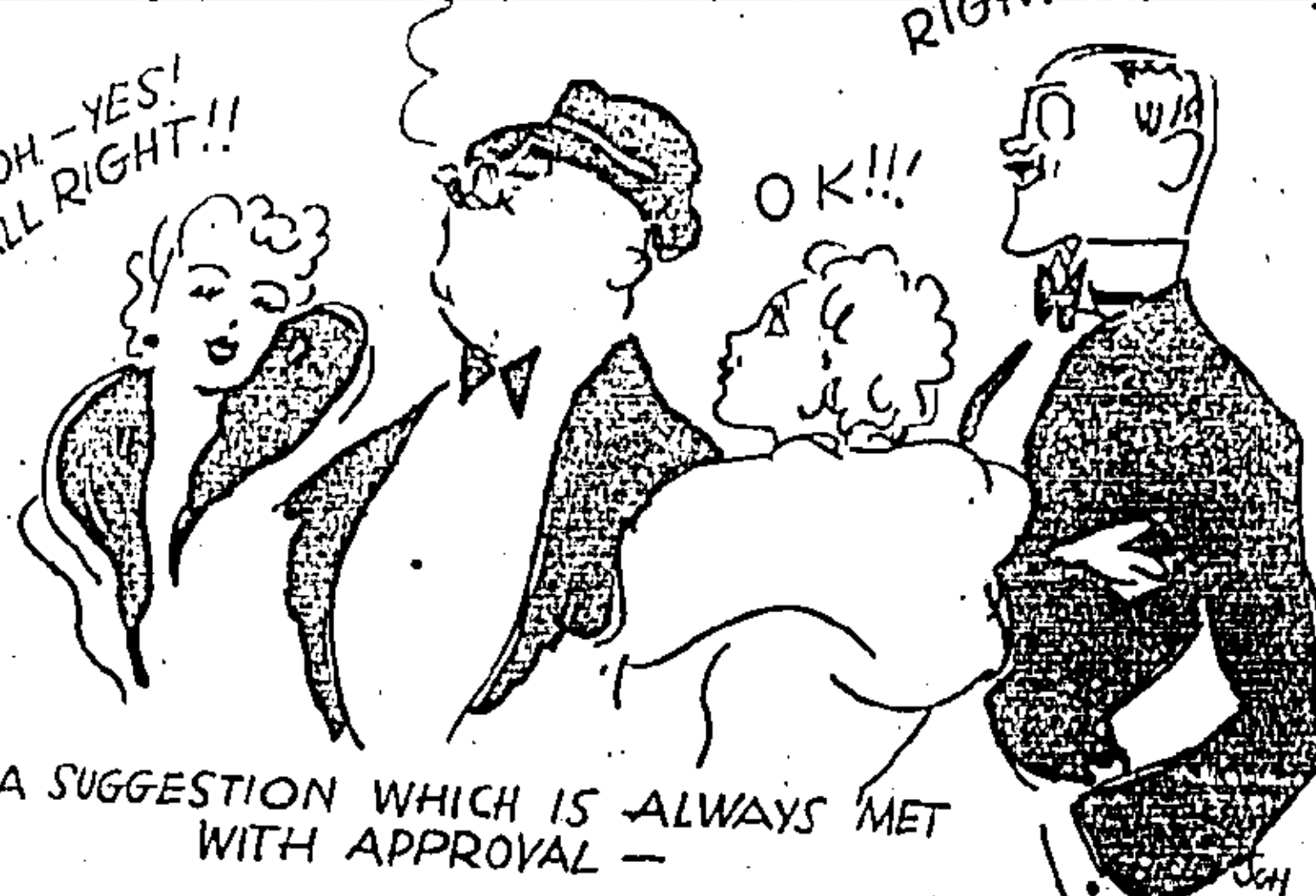
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PLANS FOR R.A.F. VOLUNTEERS EMPLOYMENT BY END OF YEAR

By MAJOR C. C. TURNER

Causes of the "bottle neck" in the training of the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, and of the payment of a large number of members who are waiting to be posted, were explained at the Air Ministry.

It is hoped that all men on the waiting list will be absorbed by the end of the year.

The subject was dealt with in The Daily Telegraph recently, and the facts, as then stated, are officially admitted—and a large number of letters have been received from members of the Volunteer Reserve, parents, employers and flying instructors.

It pointed out that hundreds of men had received no training in the 10 weeks since mobilisation, and indicated the difficulty of returning temporarily to civil life, an option given by the Ministry.

The outbreak of war found the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve in a somewhat unorganised condition. Some units had town headquarters but no aerodromes; others had flying facilities but no town headquarters.

"Cadet Wings" As Solution

There were no means available for absorbing the immense number of members for service training.

The formation of "cadet wings" was at once undertaken, and at the present time, three of these are in existence. These are well housed.

The real "bottle neck" in training is at the advanced stage. This cannot be dealt with by the transference of material and personnel from elementary training schools, since these are not suited to advanced training.

The Air Ministry claims that the most considerable course was adopted, that of granting full pay for the waiting period. Admittedly, it is costly, but not so costly as that of taking over more buildings.

Meanwhile, a fourth cadet wing is nearly ready, and a fifth is on the way.

Yet another plan, soon to be put into execution, is that of extending the course of four weeks now undergone at the cadet wings, so that the

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1889: The mad King of Bavaria smokes about a hundred cigarettes daily. That accounts for his madness.

The Prince of Wales, now that he may shortly become a grandfather, and that his poor swelled head has given place to a badly awigled leg, is becoming a perfect saint. On his last visit to Homburg, he discouraged the foot-racing of mules and nuns, and did not, as of yore, incite dukes, millionaires and dukes to trundle fat women and giddy gushers downhill in wheelbarrows. His sole pleasure just now are decorous dinners and lengthy luncheons.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1914: The naval and military authorities call the attention of persons using the streets to the danger of fragments of shells and bullets from the guns used against hostile aircraft attempting a raid on London. Civilians are warned to keep cover, preferably in the basements of houses, on hearing the sound of firing.

All the Far Eastern garrisons in the process of time will be filled up with line troops for the Continental battlefields. When the Territorials have been sufficiently trained they will take their place in the fighting line and in the advance on Berlin.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1929: The Woodrow Wilson Foundation have unanimously decided that the 1929 award of \$25,000 shall go to the recognition of the League of Nations in the interests of World peace.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1934: Max Baer, who can hit hard enough to knock Primo Carners silly, but who only needs to smile to set American prize fighters quaking, is going to risk his title—and his face, too—when he meets King Levinson.

Instruction given may be more complete.

It is requested that any who experience difficulty or delay in regard to pay should write to the Air Ministry, Accountants' Branch, P.2, Admiralty House, Kingsway, W.C.2.

REQUIRED

2 oz. of 3-ply wool, a short length of white, and a pair of No 13 knitting needles.

TENSION

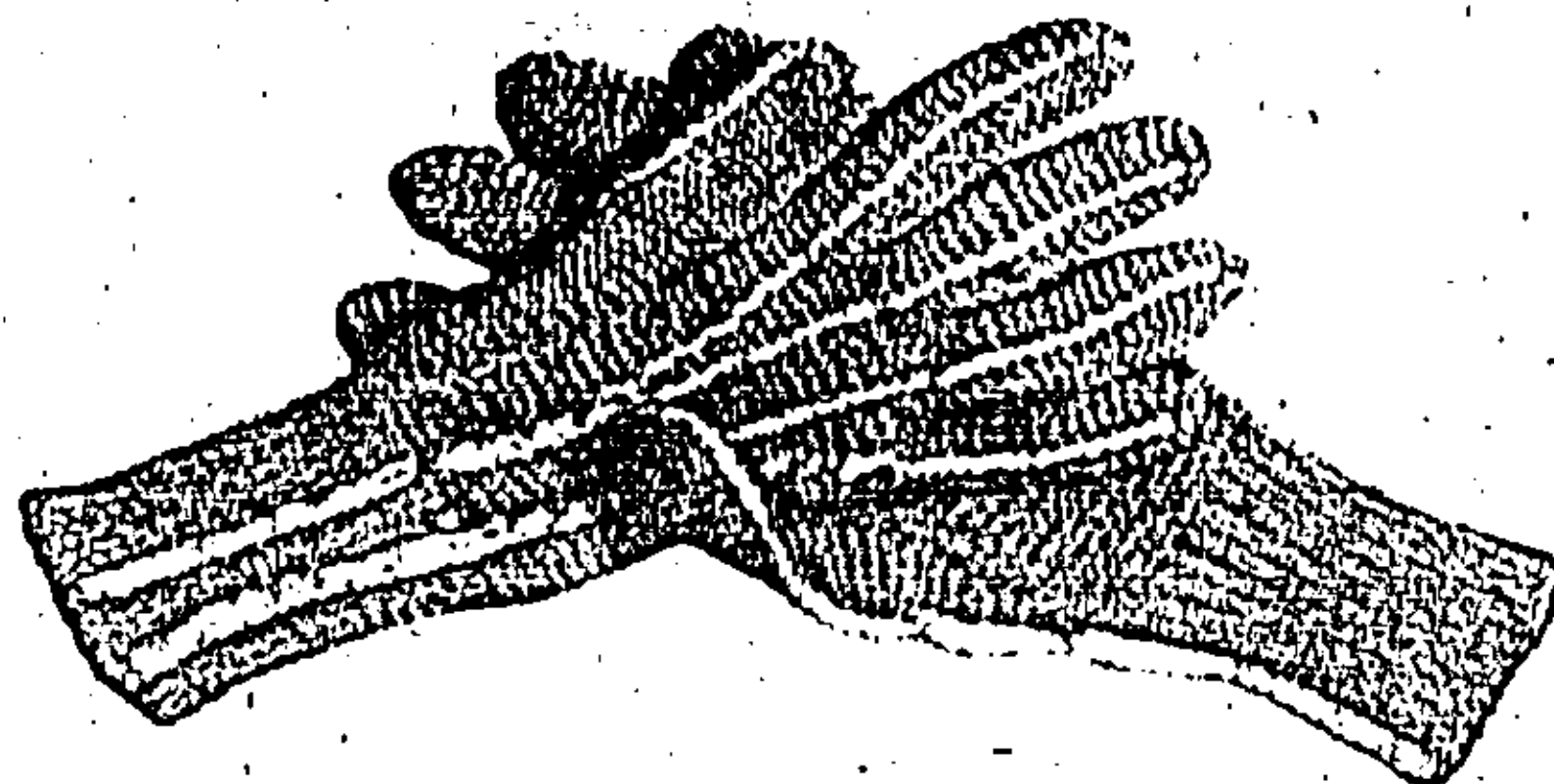
9 sts. to 1 inch width and approximately 14 rows to 1 inch in depth over the garter stitch.

MEASUREMENT

Length from tip of centre finger to edge of cuff, 11 inches; and length of centre finger 3 inches.

ABBREVIATIONS

K., knit; p., purl; sts., stitches; inc., increase; dec., decrease; rep., repeat; tog., together; g. st., garter stitch.



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Warm Handshake

Right Glove

Cast on 49 sts. with main wool and work thus:

1st row: (K.1, p.1) 4 times, k.1, then with a small ball of white, k.2, (k.1, p.1) 3 times, k.1, then k.2, white (k.1, p.1) 5 times, then k.2, white (k.1, p.1) 8 times, k.1.

2nd row: Rib 17, then p.2, white, rib 10, p.2 white, rib 7, p.2 white, rib 8.

Continue to rep. these 2 rows, working the white stripes with separate balls of wool, and always twisting the wools at back of work when changing colours, until cuff measures 3½ inches from start.

Now change to g. st. (every row k.1, but still work the white sts. in stocking st. as before. Work 4 rows then begin shaping for thumb, thus:

5th row: (A right-side row): k.

6th row: K.15, p.1, k. twice into next st., p.1, k. twice into next st., p.1, k.7, p.2 white, k.7, p.2 white, k.9.

7th row: K.

8th row: K.

9th row: K.

10th row: K.

11th row: K.

12th row: K.

13th row: K.

14th row: K.

15th row: K.

16th row: K.

17th row: K.

18th row: K.

19th row: K.

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22nd row: K.

23rd row: K.

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61st row: K.

62nd row: K.

63rd row: K.

64th row: K.

65th row: K.

8th row: K.15, p.1, k.2, p.2 white, st. k.7, p.1 white, 1 main wool, then k.3, p.1, k.7, p.2 white, k.7, p.2 white, p. the 2nd white st. of last stripe, k.9.

9th row: K.

10th row: As 8th row.

11th row: K.

12th row: K.15, p.1, k.1, k. twice into next st., p.2 white, k.2, k. twice into next st., p.1, k.7, p.2 white, k.7, p.2 white, k.9.

13th row: K.

14th row: K.15, p.1, k.3, p.2 white, k.3, p.1, k.7, p.2 white, k.7, p.2 white, k.9.

15th row: K.

16th row: As 14th row.

17th row: K.

18th row: K.15, p.1, k.2, k. twice into next st., p.2 white, k.3, k. twice into next st., p.1, k.7, p.2 white, k.7, p.2 white, k.9.

19th row: K.

20th row: K.15, p.1, k.4, p.2 white, k.5, p.1, k.7, p.2 white, k.7, p.2 white, k.9.

21st row: K.

22nd row: As 20th.

23rd row: K.

24th row: K.15, p.1, k.3, k. twice into next st., p.2 white, k.4, k. twice into next st., p.1, k.7, p.2 white, k.7, p.2 white, k.9.

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100th row: K.



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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

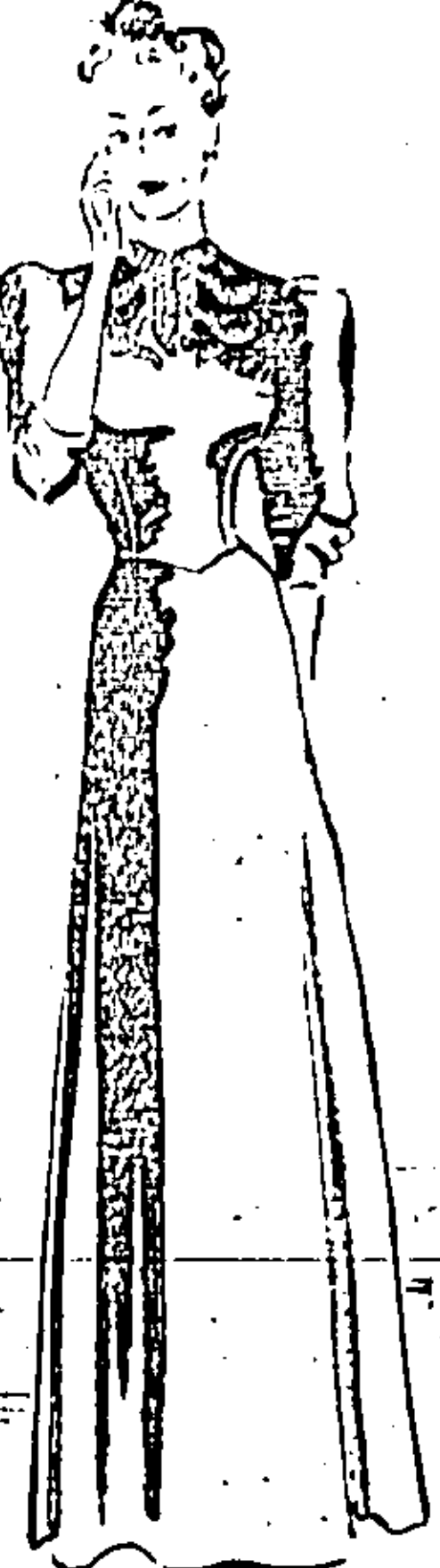
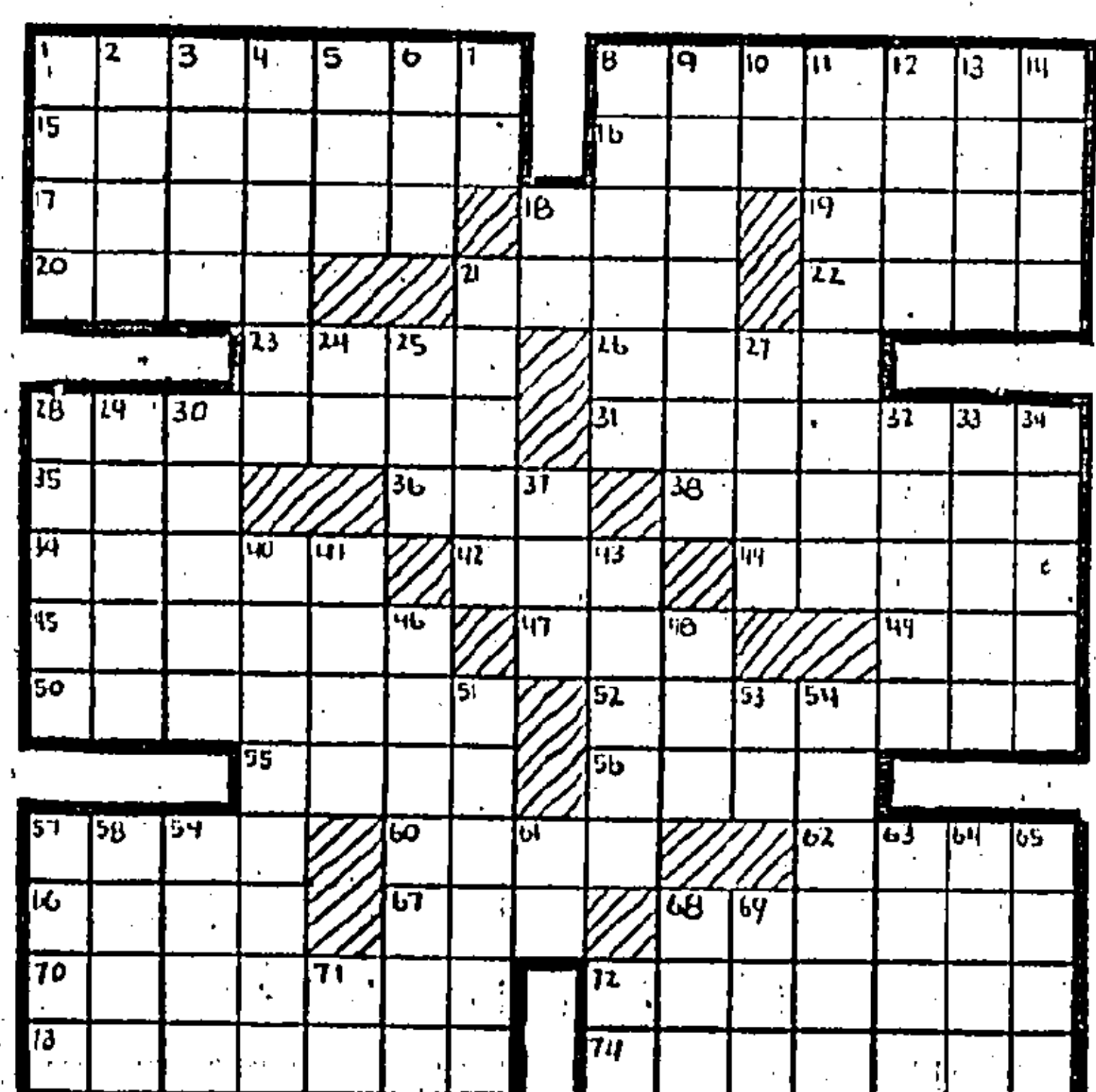
ACROSS

- 1—Native of Bantia
- 2—Order of military service
- 3—Excess about in slang (manner) (col.)
- 4—Virgin Mary
- 5—Captured again
- 6—Middle Western State (abbr.)
- 7—Long time
- 8—Tireless
- 9—Hurry
- 10—Love-provoking belt
- 11—Leave out
- 12—German geologist (abbr.)
- 13—Crystalline compound (abbr.)
- 14—Glenn of Alaska (abbr.)
- 15—Vigor (col.)
- 16—Young goat
- 17—Deer in dress (abbr.)
- 18—Sound
- 19—Running tracks
- 20—Nothing
- 21—Take back
- 22—Chair
- 23—Preceding
- 24—Balance unsatisfactorily
- 25—Breath of allegiance toward government
- 26—Particular (abbr.)
- 27—Geologic cycles
- 28—Sodium chloride
- 29—In vicinity
- 30—Hush
- 31—Old
- 32—Hold back water
- 33—Feeling party (French)
- 34—Survey roughly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- 1—Pertaining to family
- 2—Of fishes
- 3—Driver of coach
- 4—Part of leg
- 5—Mainline personal
- 6—Name
- 7—Leave
- 8—Nigger-mug
- 9—Wife of scale
- 10—Wasting fluid
- 11—Net weight
- 12—On
- 13—Type of dam
- 14—Dinobird's seat in ancient church
- 15—Combining form nerve
- 16—Of grass
- 17—Obscure
- 18—Looking (obscure)
- 19—Blow nose (obscure)
- 20—More tardy
- 21—Crest of wool (Prov. Eng.)
- 22—Fractional, sportsman
- 23—Spreads over
- 24—Winter's measure
- 25—Reach upward
- 26—Coarse build (com.)
- 27—Two-dimensional space
- 28—Geologic cycles
- 29—Psalms
- 30—Preliminary
- 31—Transmit
- 32—Gold mounts
- 33—Japanese copper coin
- 34—Refuge
- 35—Perform (archaic)
- 36—Small tree



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When 4 rows have been worked with single stripe in thumb change the other white stripes thus: New row: Still increasing as usual and working only 1 st. in white on thumb, move the first

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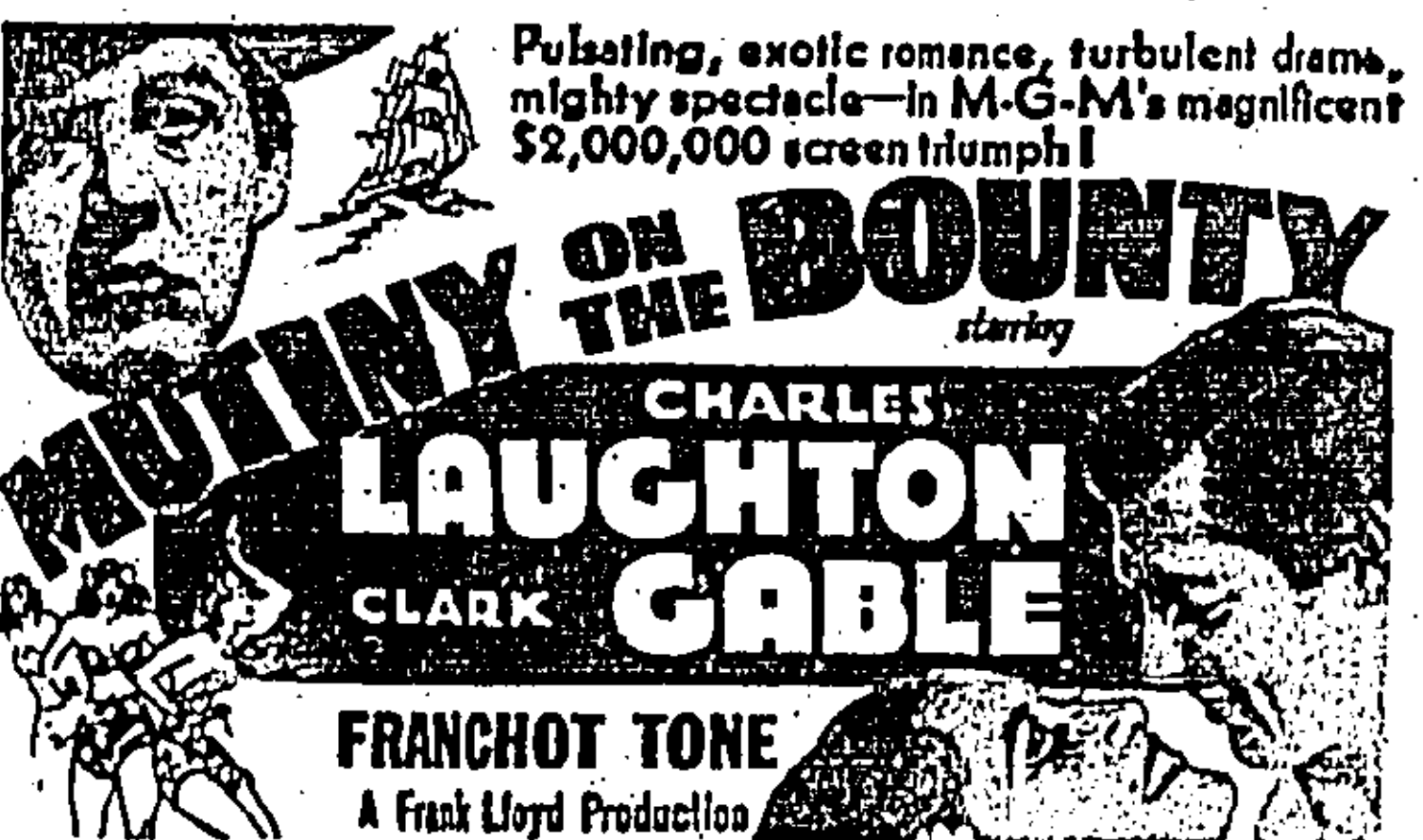


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1939 "PIMPERNELS" AWAIT ADVENTURE

SMOKING a pipe in his flat in Eccleston-square, S.W., sits a little bald-headed architect.

As he smokes, he is planning a war-time courier service. He ran one during the last war.

Just as they did last time, his men and women will journey from capital to capital.

Sometimes they will carry samples of silk to be matched in Paris, sometimes they will take school-girls to destinations in Switzerland, sometimes shoes and perfume for a Bond-street shop, or even, occasionally, a note from a French politician to a British Cabinet Minister.

Doubtless, too, the couriers will be assisted by as many spies as they were in the last war, and may succeed in handling over a few more to the authorities.

The architect, Mr. A. B. Houchin, started his Franco-British courier service because he happened to have an office in Paris in 1914, and architecture did not seem to have much of an immediate future.

He found dozens of old men and women, girls and children stranded in Paris, too frightened to travel home alone.

So he grouped them into parties, and brought them back to London himself.

Beset By Spies

Then he engaged several professional men and women—lawyers, ex-soldiers, journalists, painters—and sent them off on a regular courier service across Europe.

By the end of the war there were 10 of them.

"We did every sort of job," he said, "from bringing over a few luxury articles for big firms to carrying letters for Cabinet Ministers, and duplicates of Government dispatches."

"The spies were on to us when we started to carry official documents. Men and women would try to get into conversation with the couriers on trains and boats."

"The couriers always reported to me, and I went straight round to Basil Thomson, head of the British Intelligence."

Disguised

"Very rarely could I tell him anything he did not already know."

"Our most sensational spy was a woman whom one of our couriers, an ex-Guardsman, noticed frequently on the cross-Channel boats."

"He was puzzled because she came aboard in heavy boots, and immediately changed into light shoes. We told Basil Thomson about her. He made curiously little comment."

"Some time later he said to me one day: 'You remember that woman in the boots on the cross-Channel boat? He's dead.'"

"The woman was a man in disguise."

Rescue Job

The most romantic job on which Mr. Houchin's organisation ever embarked was that of trying to rescue an Englishman from the infamy in German-occupied Cambrai, where he had lain sick at the outbreak of war.

"It was to have been a regular Scarlet Pimpernel affair," Mr. Houchin said.

"Some of our men were going to cross the front lines at night. But the sick man died before we could start."

"Through the agency of a Dutch business man, however, I did get back to this country the abandoned baggage of English and American tourists which the Germans had stacked high in Cologne Cathedral."

Already Mr. Houchin had seven men, mostly ex-soldiers, and a few women for his new courier service. Their journeys are being mapped out through Europe. This time many of the journeys will be by air.

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It had done more for the practical unification of the country in two years than had been accomplished in the twenty preceding years. The fact that the Government and other institutions had been moved to the provinces of Szechwan, Yunnan, and Kwelchow had made the Chinese aware of the rich resources of mineral, timber, and agricultural wealth of those districts, of which the majority had hitherto known little. The war had given considerable impetus to the development of heavy industries, hitherto the weakest part of China's economy, but in spite of the war the main problems remained.

The Government had done a great deal in the past few years to improve transport conditions, but that problem remained China's permanent problem was not that of the industrial worker, but of the peasant cultivator, and it seemed that his lot had got worse during the past two generations. As long as his present condition remained, China would continue to tumble from the bottom. The peasant cultivator suffered from floods, his methods were prehistoric, he was shamelessly exploited by the middle man, money-lender, landlord, and tax collector.

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IT'S A SMALL WORLD IF YOU GO BY AIR

BOSTON.—Jules Verne got streamlined at East Boston Airport when two dapper young Chinese students stepped off a plane just one week out of Hongkong, 9,000 miles away.

Landing almost in the shadow of the place where Donald McKay launched The Flying Cloud and other great sea clippers—boats that despite their fleetness measured time to the Orient in terms of months instead of weeks—Wong Shen Moy and Ung Do Hung, hastening back to Boston classes, thought little more of their journey than a Wellesley girl would of returning by train to St. Louis.

The two men left Hongkong on a Pan American flying boat. The first day they flew to Manila, Philippine Islands, stopping over a day while the plane's engine was checked. The following day they flew to Guam and Wake Islands, losing a day when they crossed the international dateline between Wake and Midway Islands.

From Midway they flew to Honolulu and from Hawaii it was an 18-hour over-sea hop to San Francisco.

They left San Francisco at 12:20 p.m., and arrived in Newark at 8:55 next morning, a voyage for which the Flying Cloud set an 89-day sailing record!

They breakfasted in Newark, caught the 10:30 Boston plane, and arrived here at 11:30 a.m. the same morning. Cost: \$750 apiece, one way.

China will Face Many Problems after the War

FLEET STREET.

Professor R. H. Tawney, speaking on the post-war development of China, at a luncheon organised by the China Campaign Committee, said that in spite of the loss of human life and the economic loss caused by the present war in China, he thought the war had contributed something to the solution of problems with which the Government had been faced.

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for all the necessary reconstructive work, it was important that it should be properly used. He thought the Government should create an investments board which should direct investments from the coast to the interior. Secondly, the Administration, which had seemed to him the weak point in China's system, should be improved. The machinery was there, but the wheels did not run. This was one of the things of a technical kind which China could learn from the West. China's main job would be to organise her economic and political systems, at the same time maintaining her own native admirable virtues.

U.S.S.R. GROWING MORE FOOD

Radio Proudly Gives Latest Figures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Moscow radio gave prominence last night to the statement by M. Pronin, Vice-Commissioner of the Food Industry, in which he claimed that the Soviet Union food production had considerably increased this year and that a further increase was ensured next year.

M. Pronin stated that the Soviet output of bread in 1939 exceeded that of 1938 by 1,728,000 tons; the production of vegetable oils had increased by 51,000 tons; macaroni by 72,000 tons and champagne by 2,000,000-bottles.

Numerous new bread, sugar and tinned food factories will be opened next year.

The sugar production will be increased by 39 per cent; and the output of tinned food by 17 per cent.

Russo-Japanese Conversations

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, and Mr. Togo, the Japanese Ambassador, held a meeting on Wednesday night, discussing for four hours trade and the Fishery Convention which expires on Sunday.

It is not known what progress was made.

British Statesmen Entertained

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The French Minister of the Interior was host at a luncheon yesterday to Sir Samuel Hoare, the Lord Privy Seal, Lord Hankey, Minister Without Portfolio, and Sir Ronald Campbell, British Ambassador.

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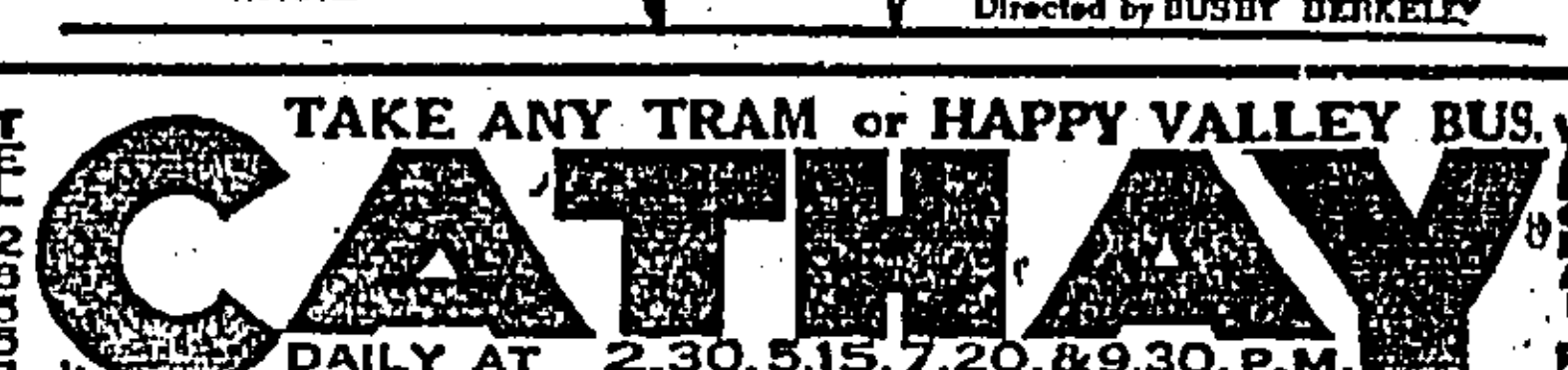
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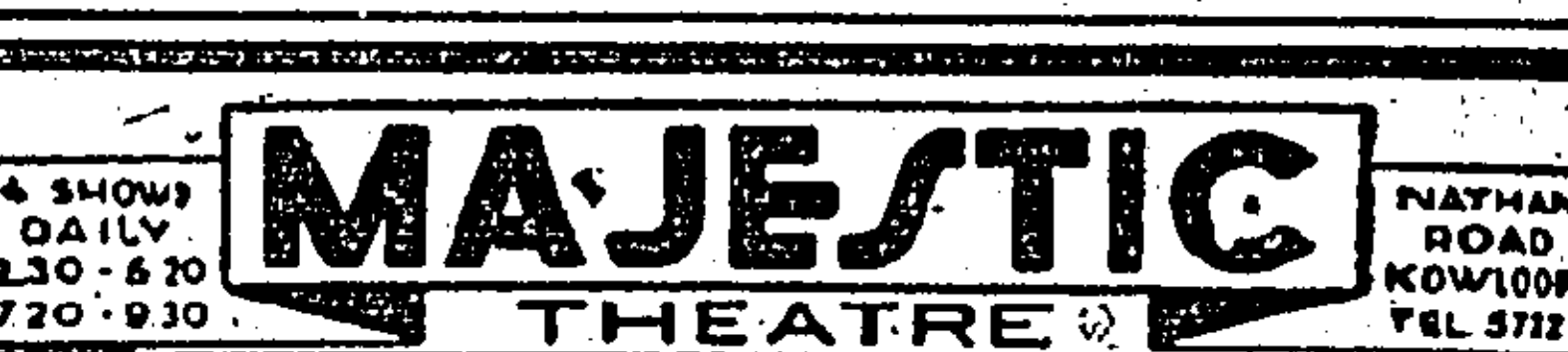
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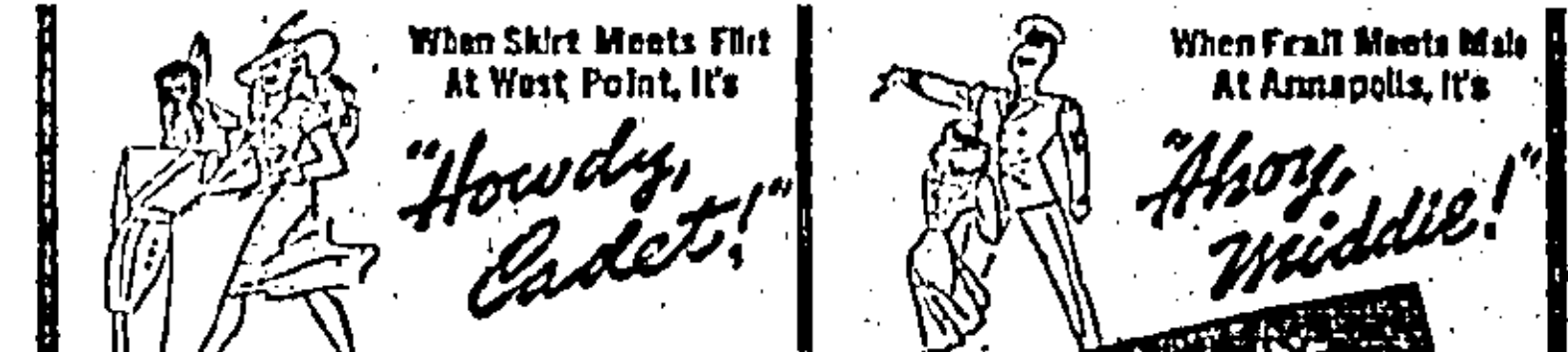
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Hitler Has Four 35,000-Ton Battleships On The Stocks

GERMANY, BRITAIN ENGAGED IN WORLD'S GREATEST NAVAL RACE

BUT HITLER CAN'T BUILD WARSHIPS QUICK ENOUGH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 28 (REUTER).—SHROUDED IN THE DEEPEST SECRECY, THE NAVAL YARDS OF THE ALLIES AND GERMANY ARE WORKING UNDER FULL PRESSURE FOR 24 HOURS A DAY AND SEVEN DAYS A WEEK IN THE MOST DRAMATIC NAVAL RACE FOR CENTURIES.

Germany is known to be producing at least four 35,000 tons battleships, two of which were launched in 1939, namely the Bismarck and the Von Tirpitz. At least one more have probably been laid down.

They are carrying eight 15-inch guns with supplementary armament and four aeroplanes with launching catapults.

They will have a speed of 30 knots.

WON'T BE READY FOR YEAR

Despite the desperate efforts of the naval staffs, it is not believed that the Bismarck and the Von Tirpitz will be completed before the end of 1940.

Germany is also constructing two aircraft carriers, at least five 10,000 cruisers and is turning out U-boats as fast as possible to replace the losses.

She is directing so much energy to turning out U-boats that she has possibly slowed down the rate of production of the larger ships.

Peace Now Would Be Suicide For Allies

—Says American

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The "Times" Washington correspondent says that at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Mr. Clifton Utley, of the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations, declared that the Allied Powers would take a "major step toward imperial suicide" if a European peace was made now.

He predicted that the conflict could continue through 1940 with losses for all, including neutrals, and peace for none.

Mr. Utley put bluntly what others are now saying in the unlikelihood that any early peace initiative from a neutral source could succeed.

The general effect is to lend force to the reminder from President Roosevelt that a "specific plan" is not in sight and from the Pope that the "opportune moment" must be awaited.

War Must Continue

What is implicit in the President's letter of December 23 and the Pope's address to the College of Cardinals, says Walter Lippman, the well-known columnist, is that "the war will continue since Hitler and Stalin are as yet not prepared to meet the indispensable condition of peace—reparation of the wrongs done to Poland, Finland and Czechoslovakia."

Post-War Order

President Roosevelt spoke of the liberation of these countries as the day that would "loose the captives and consume their conquerors in a fire of their own kindling," but Lippman is at one with the Pope in the belief that the extent of the reparation to come should not be determined by the conquerors alone.

"Unless the rest of the world participates in founding a post-war order, there will be no enduring settlement in a world which will need a programme of relief, reconstruction and spiritual succour beyond anything that was ever undertaken in history," he says.

President Roosevelt is sending Mr. Myron Taylor to Rome to expound the ground and he is enlisting the influence of American churches to the same end.

He will also have to see to it that Congress, which will meet next month, can raise above party politics to the same high ultimate purpose.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—All schools in Mexico giving religious instruction have been banned by an official decree.

NAZI SHIP SCUTTLED

Another Big Loss For Mercantile Marine

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Paris-Radio announced last night that the 7,000 ton Hamburg motor-ship Duisburg, which left a Spanish port in a desperate attempt to steal through the blockade, has been scuttled by the crew.

The vessel, belonging to the Hamburg-America Line, was yesterday ordered to heave to by a British patrol ship, according to the Paris report.

The Duisburg endeavoured to escape, but finding that the British vessel was overtaking her, she abandoned the attempt.

Her sea-cocks were opened and she was in a sinking condition when her crew were taken off.

Economic Warfare Continues

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare announced that on December 28 there were 40 neutral ships in the three Contraband Control bases, including 27 Dutch.

During last week, the cargoes of 123 ships were examined together with 29 outstanding cargoes.

In no case was the entire cargo seized while in 80 cases the entire cargoes were released.

French Seizures

LONDON, Dec. 28 (British Wireless).—According to a Paris message, the Contraband Control of the French Navy held up 18 ships and intercepted 40,000 tons of goods destined for Germany during the week ended December 24.

France has so far intercepted 402,000 tons of German-bound merchandise since the beginning of war.

East Africa's War Expenditure

NAIROBI, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—An official statement reveals that, with certain exceptions, the war-time expenditure of East African territories will be met from Imperial funds. The Governments will be asked to pay only 25 per cent. annually above their peace-time military expenditure.

Britain has five 35,000 tons battleships nearing completion, namely King George V, Prince of Wales, Duke of York, Jellison and Beatty, mounting 10 14-inch guns entirely of a new model with effective range greater than the old 15-inchers.

Special attention is directed against air attacks, and to meet the submarine menace the armour at the water line is 16 inches thick. The speed of these warships is 30 knots.

Also planned are four larger battleships carrying 16-inchers. These battleships are in possession of very high speed.

The Lion and Temeraire are already laid down, and also a vast number of smaller warships are being turned out to meet the U-boat menace.

They are being produced in such numbers that the Navy regards with equanimity Germany's vaunted submarine programme.

AID FROM ITALIANS

Volunteers Reported To Have Arrived

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—It is freely reported that at least 2,000 Italian volunteers have arrived to fight against the Soviets, but this is not confirmed as yet in official circles.

At the same time, three Swedish volunteer contingents have arrived, and a large Danish ambulance unit is on the way.

The appeals from Finland for active as well as moral support have received a reply in the broadcast by the Norwegian Foreign Minister. He said that Norway must pursue her course of non-participation, because her whole defence system is based on that idea.

Nevertheless Norway joins wholeheartedly in all appeals for moral and humanitarian aid.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Governments of the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States against arrivals from Hongkong on account of cholera have been removed.

15 MILLION HAVE DIED

IN THE LAST four centuries, 15,000,000 people have perished in earthquakes.

Wednesday's disaster in Asia Minor is the worst recorded since the Tokyo earthquake on September 1, 1923, when 156,000 died.

The two greatest earthquakes recorded in history have occurred in Kansu province in China in the present century. In 1920 more than 350,000 people were wiped out while, on May 23, 1927, the province suffered another toll of over 100,000.

Other big earthquakes this century have been:

	Killed
May 8, 1908	—
Martinez	30,000
December 31, 1908	—
Messina	77,283
January 13, 1916	—
Abruzzi (Italy)	24,000
September 1, 1923	—
Tokyo	156,000
July 23, 1939	—
Naples	1,475
March 3, 1933	—
Japan	2,000
April 28, 1935	—
Formosa	3,185
May 31, 1935	—
Quetta	38,000

World Again Rocked By Subterranean Collapses

40,000 DEAD IN TURKISH EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

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Further earthquakes are reported to-day from the Rand in South Africa, from the Bolsona mountains in Italy, from Salinas, Monterey and the Pacific grove in California and from Santa Cruz in South America.

Earthquakes have already occurred during the past week in South America, California, the Banda Sea—the latter was one of the heaviest shocks recorded for many years but was attended by no loss of life because it occurred in an uninhabited area—from Tangiers, and from Soviet Russia.

80 CITIES RAZED

In Asia Minor, where eighty cities and villages have been razed to the ground, the death roll has now risen to the highest number recorded since the Tokyo disaster in 1923.

An area of a quarter of a million square miles of Asia Minor has become the tomb of 40,000 people.

The city of Erzincan, with a population of 100,000, has been partly sealed by the military authorities.

Thousands of survivors were thrown into uncontrollable panic yesterday when further shocks were recorded.

Dead bodies are littering the streets and the ravaged towns.

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Imperial Headquarters Keep Own Losses Quiet

JAPANESE CLAIM CHINA'S WAR DEAD 1,218,462

TOKYO, DEC. 29 (DOMEI).—A TOTAL OF 1,218,462 DEAD HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BY CHINESE ARMIES IN THE BATTLEFIELDS BETWEEN THE BEGINNING OF THE SINO-JAPANESE CONFLICT IN JULY, 1937, AND THE END OF NOVEMBER, THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE ARMY DEPARTMENT OF THE IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS.

Adding to the figures those who have been wounded, deserted or surrendered to the Japanese or have otherwise been lost, the total losses sustained by Chinese forces are estimated at 3,000,000, the communique claims.

New York Clogged With Allied War Materials

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—Sixty Lockheed bombers, 1,500 Studebaker trucks, 1,000 White trucks, thousands of trench diggers and tons of food supplies are among the war cargoes which are now clogging

fifteen acres of ground on Staten Island.

They are awaiting shipment to Britain and France.

The war materials so far awaiting shipment are valued at US\$18,500,000. Millions of dollars more have been ordered.

An additional 60,000 trucks are expected at Staten Island in January.

In addition to the large supplies for the Allies, twenty Sikorsky bombers were loaded aboard the freighter Eros to-day. They are destined for Finland.

HONGKONG'S FIRST WAR NEW YEAR'S EVE WILL ALSO BE ITS MERRIEST AND MADDEST.

This is indicated by the fact that bookings at the over-popular Gripps (Hongkong Hotel) are so heavy for New Year's Eve that the Management has been forced to announce that no further reservations can be accepted after 7 p.m. to-night.

Owing to the extremely heavy pressure on space in the Grill Room, PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

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PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA STARTS

CARACAS, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The start of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca was marked to-day by the ceremony of the Holy Carpet, which will be laid over the Kaaba, the most holy relic of Islam, in the courtyard of the Mosque at Mecca.

Reviewing the activities of the Japanese army in the past year, the communique makes the ambiguous claim that following the fall of the Wuhan cities, the Chinese G.H.Q. have been compelled "by circumstances to continue resistance."

DURING the offensive on Hainan Island, about 1,000 Chinese troops have been repulsed with 230 dead and 30 taken prisoner.

About 10 Chinese divisions were engaged by Japanese forces during the tactical operation near Anlu in Hupeh. Chinese abandoned 1,750 dead and 85 prisoners were taken.

Encountering about 7 divisions of Chinese troops, the Japanese troops killed 6,117 Chinese in the tactical operation near Hanchow, in Kiangsu Province.

About 20 divisions of Chinese troops were engaged by Japanese forces during the offensive on Nanchang. Chinese dead totalled 12,300, while 2,870 Chinese prisoners were taken.

About 20 divisions of Chinese troops fought in the Japanese offensive near Shanyang in northern Hupeh. Chinese abandoned 17,500 dead and 1,007 Chinese troops were taken prisoner.

In the Swatow offensive, Japanese defeated about 2,000 Chinese troops, of whom 600 were killed and 107 taken prisoner.

About 130,000 Chinese troops fought in the Japanese offensive near Luon in Shensi. Chinese abandoned 12,700 dead and 900 Chinese prisoners were taken.

Hongkong Warfare

During the operation near the border of Hongkong about 1,000 Chinese were killed.

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"HONGKONG AS REVEALED BY THE CAMERA" Second Edition. Over 60 excellent views of the Colony. Price \$1.50. Obtainable at Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., Hongkong Travel Bureau or from the Publishers, South China Morning Post, Ltd., Wyndham Street.

CARNIVALS GALORE

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cocktails will be served in the Roof Garden.

The Gripps New Year's Eve Carnival will be extended to 3 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by June West and Kay, versatile quick step dancers, Mignons, who act has proved one of the most graceful seen in the Colony, and the Six Gripps Graces.

B.E.F. Dance Tunes

Dance music, which will include the two swing tango numbers to whose time the B.E.F. is marching in France—"We'll Hang Our Washing On The Siegfried Line" and "Beer Barrel Polka"—will be provided by Nick Korn and His Swing Orchestra.

Heavy bookings have also been notified by the Management of the Peninsula Hotel, where a 3 a.m. Carnival is also being held.

Art. Carreiro and His Band will provide the music, the cabaret items being provided by the artists who are also entertaining at the Hongkong Hotel.

The Band of the 2nd Bn., The Royal Scots, will provide the music at the Grand Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel, which has also obtained an extension until 3 a.m. for the occasion.

Gloucester Features

The popular Gloucester Hotel is featuring the "Flora Boys and the Brunettes," in addition to the Duo Fusiano, as cabaret items for tomorrow night and New Year's Eve. The New Year Eve's Dinner Dance Carnival will continue until 3 a.m., dance music being supplied by the Continental Orchestra. To-morrow night's gala will be extended to 2 a.m.

Gala nights are also scheduled for to-morrow night at the Hongkong and Peninsula Hotels.

In addition to the four principal hotels, special carnival events are advertised by other establishments.

The Chantecor, popular new Kew-look rendezvous, announces a 3 a.m. cabaret carnival for New Year's Eve, and a 2 a.m. carnival to-morrow night. Cabaret items will be provided by the Harmony Three, the Versatile Juveniles, Lily Harrison and Rastus.

A "champagne" New Year's Eve is advertised by the St. Francis Hotel, where 1940 will be ushered in by an excellent menu.

Club Carnivals

Club carnivals include the annual Plain and Fancy Dress function at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday night and a Fancy Dress carnival at the China Light and Power Club tonight.

Screen entertainment includes "Hollywood Cavalcade" at the Kings; "Babes in Arms" at the Queen's and Alhambra; "The Little Princess" at the Cathay; "Suez" at the Majestic and "Union Pacific" at the Oriental.

JAPANESE CLAIM CHINA'S WAR DEAD 1,218,462

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ese troops were defeated. Chinese abandoned 100 dead and 15 Chinese were taken prisoner.

About 400,000 Chinese troops were fought in the tactical operations through Kianai and Hunan. Chinese abandoned 38,400 dead and 3,700 Chinese prisoners were taken.

In the mopping-up operation on Chungshan in Kwangtung, 2,800 Chinese troops were repulsed, with 250 dead abandoned and 10 taken prisoner.

During the April, July and September offensives Japanese forces engaged a total of 1,114,300 Chinese, of whom 94,358 were slain and 6,704 taken prisoner.

Booby Claims

Booby captured by Japanese troops between July, 1937, and November, 1939, included 1,203 artillery pieces, 2,785 Bren guns, 1,428 trench-mortars, 223 rapid-shooting machine-guns, 5,645 heavy machine-guns,

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday, the 1st January, 1940. (The first week-day in January).
Hongkong, 28th December, 1939.

NOTICE

The office of the Commercial Secretary to His Majesty's Embassy in China and His Majesty's Trade Commissioner, at Hong Kong, will be closed as from the 1st January, 1940.

NOTICE

T. E. GRIFFITH (1932) LTD.

As from January 1st, 1940 the offices of this Company will be located at St. George's Building, 2nd floor, Chater Road.

M. A. ANNETT,
Director.

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Notice is hereby given that Mr. G. E. Alwee has resigned his appointment as Managing Director and is no longer connected with the above Company.

Dated 27th December, 1939.

HASTINGS & CO.,
Solicitors for the Company.

TRANS-PACIFIC FREIGHT BUREAU

Notice to Shippers

It has been decided to institute CONTRACT and NON-CONTRACT rates of freight in connection with the freight tariff issued by this Bureau. Any shipper who signs the Bureau's form of contract undertaking to forward all his firm's shipments by carriers who are Members of this Bureau (except as provided for in the Bureau's contract) will be given the benefit of the Bureau contract rates. Shippers who do not sign this contract will be charged non-contract rates. This arrangement will become effective as from February 1, 1940. A new tariff is now in preparation.

Shippers are requested to apply to the Secretary for signature of contracts.

W. F. ARNDT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 27, 1939.

WESTERN FRONT

Hand To Hand Fighting Nazis Intensify Their Raids

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—There has been considerable patrol activity on the Western Front by both sides.

"One Nazi raid against a small wood near Vesnes resulted in some sharp hand to hand fighting, while another in the Saar region was easily repulsed.

French patrols were active east of the Moselle.

Empire Troops In France

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The safe arrival of Indian, Canadian, and Australian troops in Europe was the theme of the Free German Radio broadcast to-day.

The announcer described the arrivals as striking proof of Dr. Goebbels' mendacity, and concluded that Germany was unable to prevent all these men from traversing the seas.

"Now, Goebbels, who is it that rules the Seven Seas?" he asked.

Anglo-French Co-operation

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Major-General Fraser, who is in command of the New Zealand troops overseas, said that he was greatly struck by the co-operation he had seen between the British and French troops in France.

Reduced Activity

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—A communiqué states that there was reduced activity of contact units.

Official Communiqué

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—An official war communiqué states that "there was no event of importance to report from the front."

9,818 light machine-guns, 266,721 rifles, 602 tanks, armoured cars, motor-cars and trucks, 2,351 armoured train engines, locomotives, passenger and goods carriages, 105 ships as well as large quantities of ammunition, various kinds of machines and material and clothing.

C. R.

NOTICE

(English)

ARMS LICENCES

Holders of Arms Licences are reminded that Arms Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1940. (Fee \$10.00 per licence). Licensees should call at the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), with their licences.

(Sd.) T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.

29th December, 1939.

C. R.

PARTICULARS - & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1893, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No.	Regulatory No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Area in Sq. Feet	Area in Sq. Yards	Area in Sq. Meters
1	1	Lot 1, Shamshui, N. of Shamshui Road, S. of Shamshui Road, E. of Shamshui Road, W. of Shamshui Road.	100 feet by 100 feet	1.0	107,639	121,066	4,047
2	2	Lot 2, Shamshui, N. of Shamshui Road, S. of Shamshui Road, E. of Shamshui Road, W. of Shamshui Road.	100 feet by 100 feet	1.0	107,639	121,066	4,047

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R.A.F. PRISONER OF WAR ESCAPES

LONDON, Dec. 28 (British Wireless).—An Air Ministry statement says: "It was announced by a German broadcasting station to-day that the officer of the R.A.F. who was interned in Luxembourg and had given his word of honour not to try to escape, eluded his guard and got away. The statement that the officer escaped is correct, but the statement that he was on parole at the time of his escape is entirely untrue."

"Britain's Friends (TURKEY, SWEDEN) May Become Our Enemies"

HITLER HANGS A WARNING ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE

STOCKHOLM, DEC. 28 (REUTER).—THE BELIEF EXISTS IN BERLIN THAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE ARE NOW ENDEAVOURING TO FORCE SWEDEN AND TURKEY TO ABANDON THEIR NEUTRALITY, ACCORDING TO THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAGBLADET."

The Germans think that the violent anti-Soviet campaign may induce Turkey to enter the war on the side of the Allies, while the question of assistance to Finland is intended to serve the same purpose in the case of Sweden.

The "Nachtausgabe" declares that Britain's aim is to secure Swedish ore, and it warns neutrals against supporting the latest anti-Russian tendencies.

NAZI MUST NOW FIGHT ON

The Berlin correspondent of the "Nyheter" states that it is now emphasised in official circles in Berlin that "Britain's war" can only be decided by fighting until Germany wins.

The Pope's Christmas address has created no impression on Germans, who state that the time has now arrived for weapons to speak.

The correspondent adds that it is believed in Berlin that Britain and France intend to sharpen the blockade and that this will necessitate increased pressure against neutrals.

The Wilhelmstrasse considers that Britain and France are incapable of carrying on alone, and therefore they are seeking to excite neutrals against Germany.

The Wilhelmstrasse has issued a warning that "those not against us are safe and those adhering to France and Britain are Germany's enemies, and will be created accordingly."

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—It is reported that during the Soviet-Bulgarian trade negotiations the Russians asked for military advantages and rights, coupled with naval bases in the Black Sea, in return for economic concessions to Bulgaria.

The Exeter for some time, took on the reticent Nazi "pocket battleship" which, although and although terribly pounded, hit back so effectively that with the subsequent assistance of H.M.S. Achilles and H.M.S. Ajax, was able to force the German warship into a neutral port, seriously damaged.

Here is the full list of the Exeter's casualties:

OFFICERS Killed
Lieut.-Commander John Bowman-Mannfold.
Midshipman John S. Rickford, Paymaster Sub-Lieut. Donald H. Tyler.
Captain Humphrey R. D. Woods, Royal Marines.
Missing, Believed Killed
Acting Sub-Lieut. Clyde A. L. Morse.
Wounded
Probationary Temporary Paymaster Sub-Lieut. Jack E. Causon, Acting Gunner Thomas J. Lynn, Paymaster Midshipman Leslie D. E. Netham Penn-Gaskell.
RATINGS Killed
E.R.A. (4th class) F. E. E. Beck, A.B. J. Behell, Marine D. Blandford, Ordinary Seaman R. M. Bowes, Stoker Petty Officer D. Bright, Stoker (1st class) S. M. Buras, Stoker (1st class) F. P. Campbell, A.B. R. M. Clarkson, Marine A. J. Croker, A.B. G. L. Davies, Acting Petty Officer G. H. Dove, Shipwright (third class) F. W. G. Dyer, A.B. F. T. French, A.B. S. C. Gorton, Marine S. P. Harrington, Petty Officer Telegraphist H. Harris, Chief Yeoman Signals A. Higginsbottom, Boy Bugler R. B. Hill, Leading Signaller L. F. Honey, Stoker Petty Officer A. S. Jones, Telegraphist M. T. Knapp, Stoker (1st class) A. E. Kelly, Telegraphist A. R. Lumsden, Stoker (1st class) W. MacLeod, Stoker (1st class) G. Manning, Corporal W.G.R. Marsh, A.B. F. H. McDonnell, Marine E. H. McEvoy, Stoker (2nd class) C. Monks.

A. B. T. H. Naylor, Stoker (1st class) P. J. O'Leary, Telegraphist D. J. Parry, Stoker (1st class) B. T. Pett, Leading Supply Assistant L. W. Pullybin, Stoker Petty Officer F. Randall, Chief Yeoman Signals T. Remick, A.B. B. Richards, Leading Seaman G. Richards, Telegraphist A. S. Riglar, Blacksmith (3rd class) R. J. Small, Boy (1st class) E. B. Squire, Stoker Petty Officer R. M. Steele, Marine A. Stubbs, Telegraphist R. W. Taylor, Stoker (1st class) J. E. Thompson, Stoker Petty Officer G. E. Tovey, Chief Petty Officer A. F. Treagido, Stoker (1st class) F. Wilson.
Dead of Wounds
Chief Petty Officer W. A. Ainge, Leading Stoker E. I. George, A. B. L. C. Hill, Acting Leading Seaman A. V. Phillips, A. B. H. Spencer, Missing, Believed Killed
Chief Stoker S. B. P. Teague.

HEROES OF GRAF SPEE BATTLE PROMOTED

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Admiralty communiqué No. 1927 announces recognition of the services in action against the Admiral Graf Spee in the following promotions, to date from December 13: Commander D. H. Everett, H.M.S. Ajax, to Captain; Lt. Commander R. B. Jennings and Lt. Commander C. J. Smith, H.M.S. Exeter, and Lt. Commander P. T. A. Love, H.M.S. Achilles, to Commanders.
"British Wireless" adds that Engineer-Commander L. C. S. Noake, of H.M.S. Ajax, has been promoted to Engineer-Captain.

POST OFFICE

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

On Monday, the 1st January 1940, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. The Branch Post Office at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are used 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 a.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco Date, 18th December, Dec. 29. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th Dec. Canton, Dec. 28. Sandakan, Dec. 29. Japan and Shanghai, Dec. 30. Manila, Dec. 30. Shanghai, Dec. 30. Straits, Dec. 30. Japan, Shanghai and Formosa, Dec. 31. Japan, Dec. 31. London and Straits, Dec. 31. Shanghai and Amoy, Dec. 31. Shanghai, Dec. 31. Straits and Saigon, Dec. 31. Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane, Dec. 31.

Hiphong and Hollow, Jan. 1. Hiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard, Jan. 1. Shanghai, Jan. 1. Straits, Jan. 1. Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 27th Dec. Japan, Jan. 3. Java and Manila, Jan. 3. Shanghai, Jan. 3.

OUTWARD MAILS

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 5th January. K.P.O. Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m. Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 16th January. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m. Reg. Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m. Aden, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London Ports—due London, 6th February. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Dec. 30, 8.45 a.m. Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30.

SAIGON, 10.30 a.m. Shanghai, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcel for Canada)—due San Francisco, 17th January, 1940. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Dec. 29, 11.00 a.m. Dec. 29, 12.45 p.m. Dec. 29, 1.30 p.m. Hiphong, Dec. 29, 2.00 p.m. Shanghai, Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m. Japan, Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m. Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseille—due Marseille, 29th January 1940. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Dec. 29, 5 p.m. Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m. Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 7th January. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Dec. 30, 5 p.m. Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m. Reg., Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m.

War Internees To Be Exchanged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERNE, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—It is announced here that arrangements have been made for an exchange of civilians interned in Germany and Britain.

The agreement, which was presented through Swiss and American good offices, provides that all men over 40 and all women and children will be exchanged. A similar arrangement is hoped shortly to be arranged between Germany and France, but in this case the age limit for the exchange of men will be 65.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
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T.T. Shanghai	3/8 1/2
T.T. Singapore	2 1/4
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	49 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/2
T.T. Saigon	100 1/2
T.T. France	10 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/s India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.95 1/2

40,000 DEAD IN TURKISH EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

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and homeless refugees are despairingly seeking shelter from the intense cold and driving snow which have followed in the wake of the earthquake.

Shew in this area is unprecedented. All communication has been disrupted and authentic compilation of casualties is impossible.

In addition to the 40,000 believed dead, scores of thousands are injured or homeless.

Fragmentary reports disclose that the earthquake is undoubtedly "the most disastrous in Turkish history."

Frakish Weather

Frakish weather includes cloud-bursts which are flooding the devastated countryside, drowning many survivors of the original disaster. Tremors are continuing almost without cessation, and combined with meteorological conditions, are considerably hampering rescue work.

Exact details of the tragedy are unlikely to be available for many days, owing to the disruption of communications.

President Inonu and members of his Cabinet are hastening to the devastated area.

World Rocked

In addition to this earthquake and to the others already recorded, the following shocks were reported this morning:

CAPE TOWN: Twenty-five tremors occurred in the Rand during the past 24 hours. Buildings were shaken and the natives fled in panic.

ITALY: Four sharp tremors shocked the Bolsena region near Rome. The panic-stricken populace rushed out of their homes, but no casualties are reported.

CALIFORNIA: Further earthquake shocks were recorded to-day at Salinas, Monterey, Carmel, Pacific Grove and Watsonville. Only slight damage reported.

MEXICO: Vera Cruz was rocked at 4.15 p.m. P.S.T. to-day by earthquake tremors. No damage is reported.

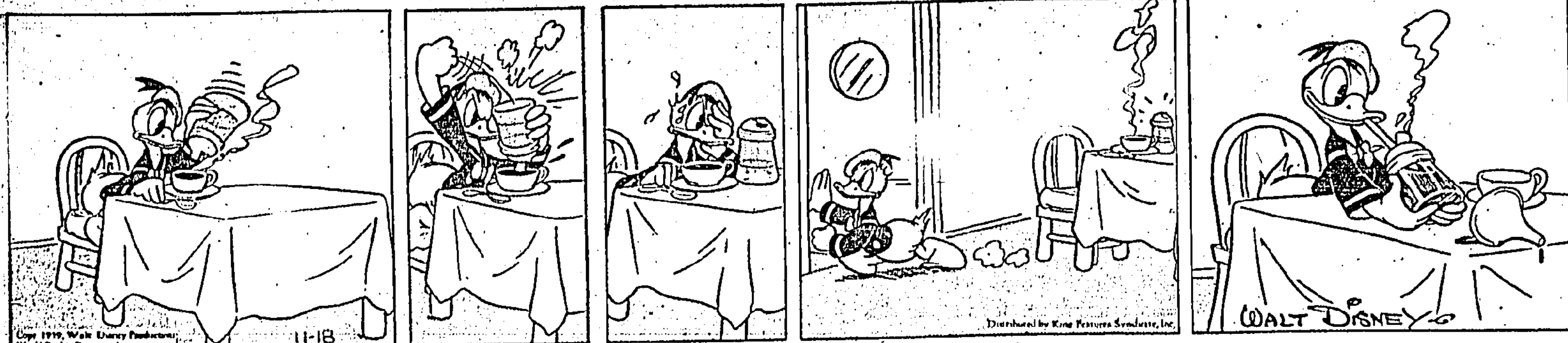
(Messages from United Press, Domei and Reuter).

INTERNATIONAL PENAL CODE NEEDED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—More than ever is there a crying need for an international penal code, declared Senator de Vasconcellos, the Brazilian Consul General, at a farewell entertainment by London's Brazilian Colony to Senator Regis de Oliveira, a dozen of the Diplomatic Corps, who is retiring after being Brazilian Ambassador for 18 years.

Senator Vasconcellos added that as a murderer was associated with his crime, so a war of aggression was linked inseparably with cruelty. "For so far-reaching a calamity, there could be but one solution—explanation of the aggressor by the majority, and intervention of the police of the peace-loving nations," concluded Senator Vasconcellos.

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Singapore Chinese Leader Expelled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SINGAPORE, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Government has issued an expulsion order against a prominent Chinese resident, Mr. Hau Say-hoan, a member of the China Relief Fund Committee which sends millions of dollars annually to China.

Mr. Hau is alleged to have encouraged unlawful societies under the cloak of genuinely patriotic activities.

In addition to being a member of the Fund Committee, he is a Director of a Singapore newspaper and the manager of an insurance company.

Sir Alexander Small, the Colonial Secretary, attended a meeting of the Fund Committee and stated that Mr. Hau personally encouraged the activities of unlawful societies—the Vanguard Corps and an Anti-enemy Society—and was backing up a society which had committed many acts of violence and terrorism in the name of Chinese patriotism.

Sir Alexander said that these dangerous societies were closely connected with the Anti-Enemy Society, which in itself was a dangerous, subversive organization aiming at the overthrow of the government by open revolution.

Danger To Peace
Sir Alexander referred to leaflets issued by the Anti-enemy Society, and drew attention to particularly inflammatory passages and drawings.

"While the government sympathizes sincerely with the Chinese in China, these illegal organizations have become a danger to the peace and good order of the Colony," he said.

Mr. Hau is required to leave Malaya before December 31 and must not return.

British Statesmen Entertained

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The French Minister of the Interior was host at a luncheon yesterday to Sir Samuel Hoare, the Lord Privy Seal, Lord Hankey, Minister Without Portfolio, and Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Ambassador.

EX-GERMAN PILOTS JOIN THE ALLIES

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—Three airmen, crack German pilots of the last war, have joined the Active Citizens Unit of the South African Air Force. Their names are not being made public because they still have relatives in Germany, but one of them is one of the most famous war pilots Germany ever had.

WHERE IS GOERING?

Nazi Chief Believed To
Be In Disgrace

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—"What has happened to Field Marshal Hermann Goering?" is a question people are asking in Germany, according to reports reaching here.

The Air Minister has been almost ostentatiously absent from all Christmas festivities.

It is recalled that when Hitler and General Walther von Brauns visited the front, Hess and Goebbels made speeches and all the other Nazi leaders made public appearances, but Goering stayed quietly at Schorfheide, his country home, and did not even appear at the Christmas party for poor children in Berlin.

At Loggerheads
But gifts were distributed on his behalf by an obscure mayor of one of the districts of the capital.

Some people in Berlin suggest that Goering is deliberately keeping himself in the background until some definite issue emerges from the present argument about policy.

It is stated here that violent discussions are raging between the Party and the Army about the future relations of the war, and Soviet relations.

These persons argue that Goering has decided to hold himself aloof until he sees his way more clearly.

Quarrel With Hitler?
Rival theorists declare that Goering has already quarrelled with Hitler and is temporarily in disgrace, and is accordingly remaining behind the scenes until the trouble has blown over.

Whatever the reason for the Field Marshal's failure to participate in the war time Christmas, it is considered very strange in Germany.

DANISH STEAMER SUNK BY MINE

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The Danish steamer, Hanne, 1080 tons, was sunk by a mine off the north-east coast to-day.

Amazing Russian Reverses In Arctic Continue FINNISH INVASION OF U.S.S.R. MEETS SUCCESS

HELSINGFORS, DEC. 28 (REUTERS).—WHILE FIGHTING CONTINUES ON RUSSIAN SOIL EAST OF LIEKSA, THE FINNS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE PUSHED THE RED ARMY ACROSS THE FRONTIER AT A NEW POINT SOME MILES NORTHWARD.

Fighting is continuing in the border region of Kivivaara. Reports received here suggest that the Soviet Command is preparing a determined attempt to retrieve the situation near Suomussalmi, where the invaders recently suffered a severe reverse.

The Russians are attacking to the north of Suomussalmi with the evident object of making another attempt to break through the "wasp waist" to Oulu at the head of the Gulf of Finland.

Soviet troops dispersed at Suomussalmi have been re-concentrated against the Finnish centre for a new drive.

Railway Threatened

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—Two detachments of Finnish ski troops are now in Soviet Russia and are heading for the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway with the object of cutting it.

In view of their small numbers, they are avoiding heavy engagements. They have headed for Kandalaksha, which is situated at the spot where the railway skirts the White Sea at its northern end.

If they can cut the railway and hang on in that area, the Soviets will be unable to get reinforcements and supplies through to the Petsamo front. On the Petsamo front, the Russians have completely lost the initiative and are practically in a state of siege.

Tanks Form Fortress

A Finnish officer who has just returned from that area reports that at least 150 Soviet tanks are now bottled up in many cases the Finns have found their crews frozen to death inside.

The crews of others are either surrounded or have fled.

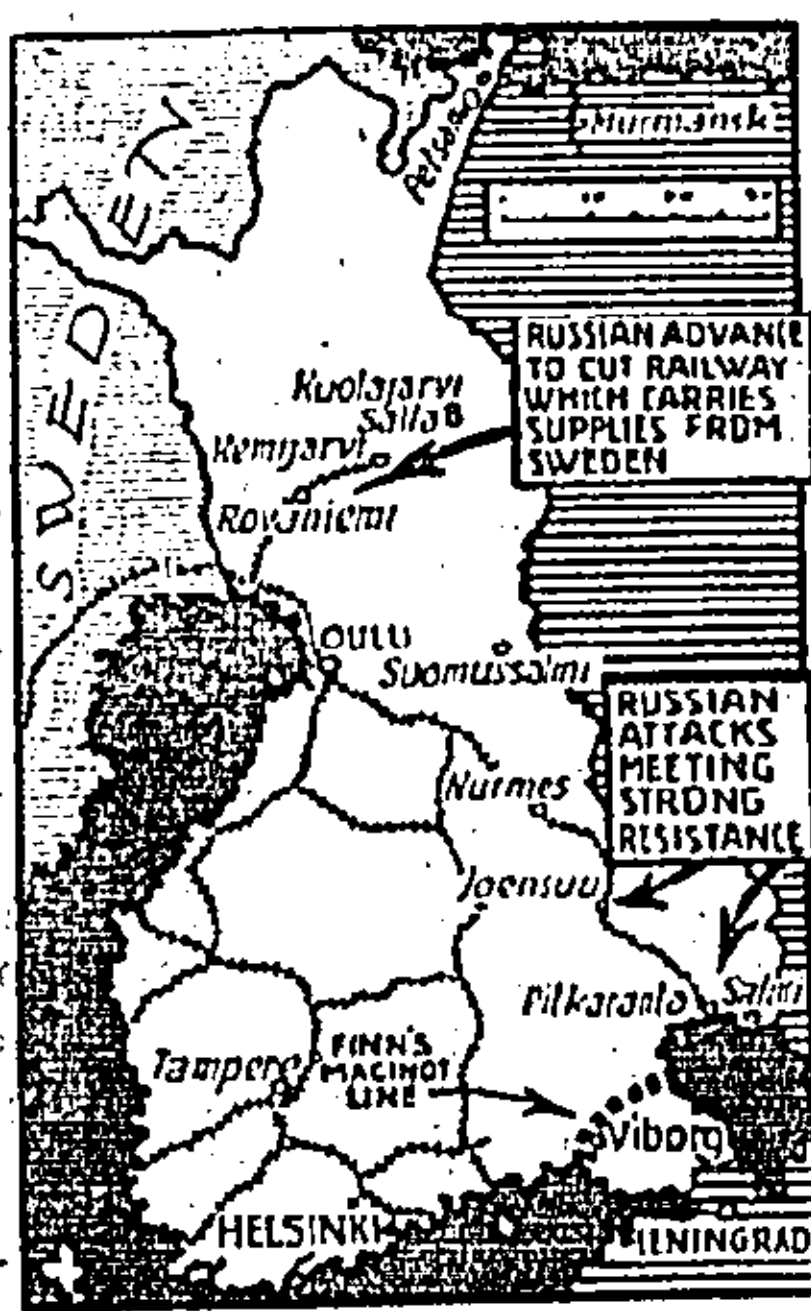
In other cases, Soviet tank detachments have placed their tanks in a circle, forming a small but effective fortress. They are difficult to attack but at the same time they are isolated and useless to the main drive.

On the central front, the Soviets have lost large quantities of men and materials in their retreat, while the last reports from the southern front stated that the Soviet attack on the Mannerheim Line and in the south-east have been repulsed.

Snow fell in Helsingfors to-day and as the storm seems to be general, little air activity is likely.

Fighting On Ice

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (UP).—It has been officially stated that the Finnish troops wiped out two Russian companies in fierce hand-to-hand fighting on the ice on Lake Savanto in the Karelian Isthmus area on Wednesday.



Savanto in the Karelian Isthmus area on Wednesday.

Fighting also continues in Russian territory east of Lieksa on the east central Russo-Finnish frontier and in the Arl sector.

The official announcement said the Russians for the first time succeeded in crossing the mile-wide Lake Savanto, but strong Finnish counterattacks drove them back.

The Russians were also driven back on the frontier north of Lieksa and again at four points between Hailuohiti and Summa and at two points between Summa and Muolajärvi.

Russian planes strafed civilians in Wednesday's air raids over the southern sectors.

It has also been officially confirmed that nine Russian planes were shot down during Wednesday's raids. Latest reports indicate that there was fighting yesterday and Wednesday north of Suomussalmi around Lake Tiantaharvi.

Railway Cut

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Finns are now fighting in three sectors on Russian soil—east of Lieksa, in the Arl sector and northeast of Lieksa. Dispatches from Stockholm and Copenhagen report that Finnish patrols raided and damaged the Murmansk railway.

The reports do not specify at what points the line has been damaged. The "Aftenbladet's" Helsingfors correspondent reports that there is widespread hunger among the Russians in the north as a result of the interruption of supplies.

The "Berlingske Tidende's" correspondent states that groups of Russians on the Salla front near the Arctic Circle have been cut off by Finnish troops and have been forced to surrender.

In the far north, he also reports,

U.S. Sailor Is Fined For Assault

Hugh Denman Kessler, 21, third-class cabin serving in the U.S.S. Mindanao, was fined \$10 by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday for assaulting a Chinese man in a public place. Kessler was charged with assaulting Mr. John Muffo, of Malaya Motors, in Gloucester Road to-day.

Acting Sub-Inspector R. J. Clarke said that at 1 o'clock this morning, Mr. Muffo opened the door of his shop and saw Kessler passing by with a girl. He alleged that Kessler passed some remarks, came up to him and struck him in the face with his fist. Kessler ran away and was arrested by a Chinese constable.

Kessler, however, continued Sub-Inspector Clarke, denied he was with a girl, but said he thought complainant had passed some insulting remarks to him.

Defendant was on bail of \$25.

INDIAN TROOPS IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—Indian troops, led by British and Indian officers, have arrived in France with a large number of mules. The men are all Moslems from all parts of India and are accompanied by a smaller "army" of non-combatants—religious teachers, cooks and water carriers.

They have brought their own food with them and in addition will be given certain food supplies given to the B.E.F.—tea, sugar and fresh vegetables.

DUBLIN TENSION

Search For I.R.A.
Saboteurs

DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—An armed military cordon still ringed the city to-night as Police and troops continued the search for the ammunition stolen from Phoenix Park on Saturday.

Twenty arrests have already been made.

The search goes on only in the capital, but in the woods and lanes of the counties of Kildare and Wicklow, fields and hedges of estates are thoroughly combed.

City Completely Cordoned
In Dublin, military patrols continued to search all cars entering and leaving the city, which is so completely cordoned that it is impossible to enter or leave without passing through at least one patrol.

All pedestrians carrying cases are stopped and searched and in the country districts the quest is even more thorough, for everyone, whether walking or cycling, has to submit to an examination and explain where

HIGH COST OF TROOPS

Belgium Finds It A
Severe Burden

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The expense of keeping troops mobilised was stressed by the Premier, M. Pierlot, speaking in the Senate to-day when he declared that the Government could not accept any amendments to the financial proposals already adopted by the Chamber which would have the effect of reducing revenue from the new taxes contained in them.

Fears Belgium May Lose Out
"I am very much afraid that the result of the internee struggle between her neighbours and Belgium is the losing of her capital even if she is not called upon to give her blood. There are some people who show indifference when they are faced with danger or who appear to ignore it completely."

"Keeping troops continually in a state of mobilisation is an expensive matter and the cost ought to be met by an internal loan, for money borrowed abroad would be too dear, especially in view of the present conditions."

"The sacrifices which every Belgian is called upon to make are enormous, but surely is want our country comrades of them."

They have come from and where they are going.

Government Reward Offer

DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—The Government is offering a reward of £1,000 for information leading to the recovery of the stolen ammunition. Substantial rewards will be paid in respect of any portion of the ammunition.

The number of arrest is now estimated at 30.

Ammunition Recovered
DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuters).—At least three tons of ammunition stolen by I.R.A. raiders at Phoenix Park are now recovered.

The third biggest dump was unearthed immediately off the main Belfast-Dublin road at Julianstown county, Meath.

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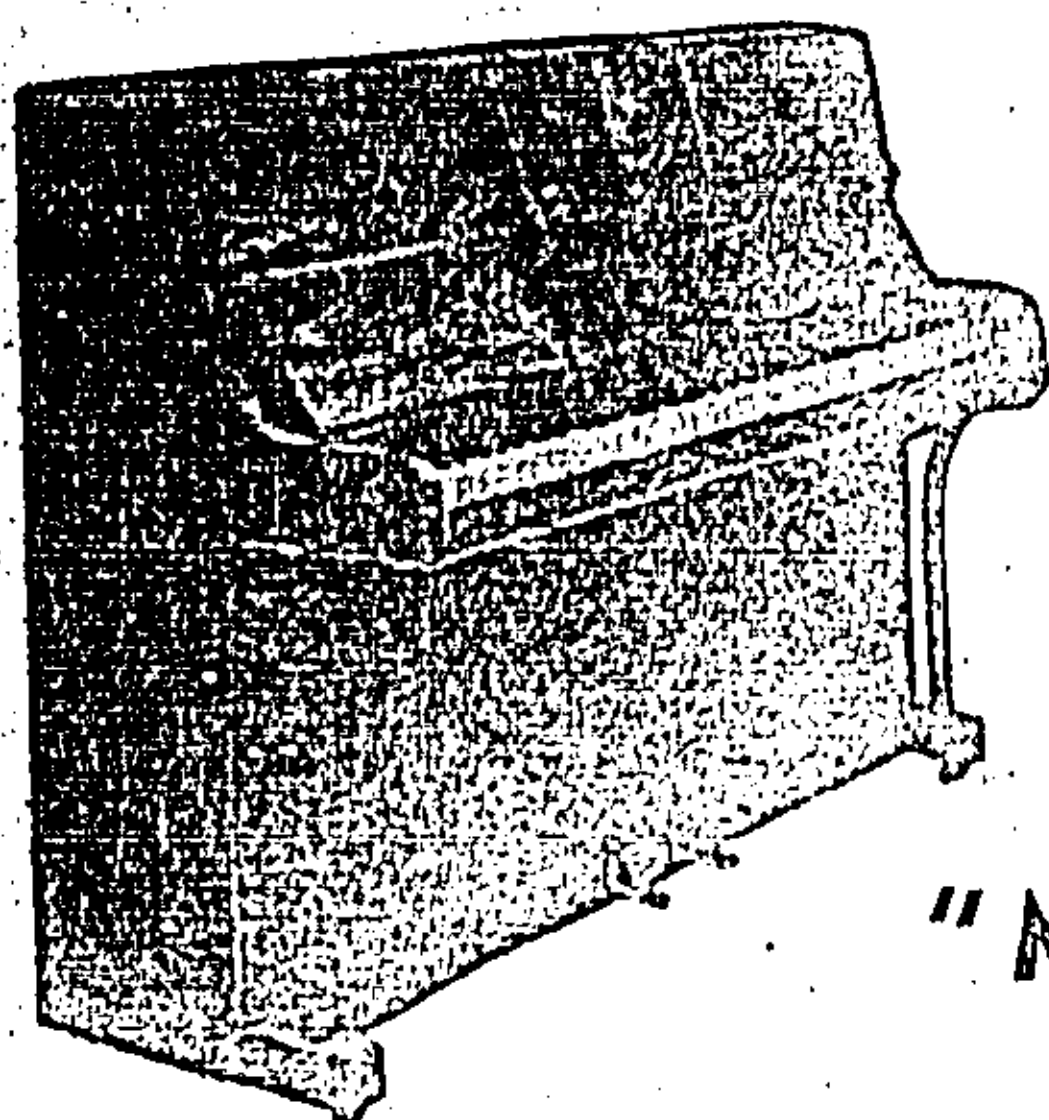
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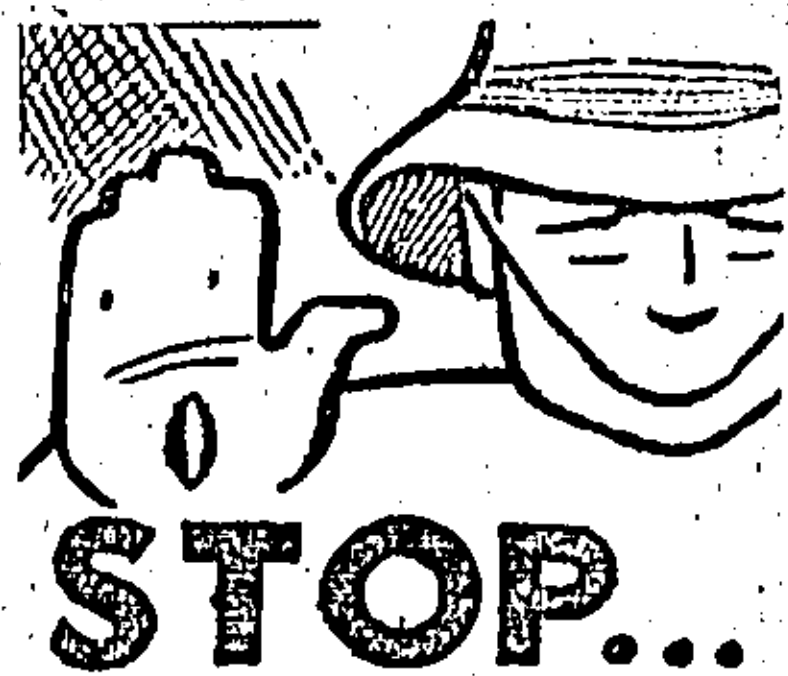
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The Military Moustache

It seems that, as a result of their being called up for service in the army, the youth of Britain are showing an increased tendency to cultivate the moustache. Not one of a very luxuriant variety; for, although the military authorities are not inclined to split hairs at this point, anything in the nature of a "walrus" or a "sea-horse" might be frowned on. It is the dapper "tooth-brush" that is the heir-apparent of those mighty beards that once waved at Balaklava and Lucknow—in the days before the gas-mask had come and left the unshaven chin bristling with difficulties.

Perhaps there is some significance to be seen in this evolution of the military countenance. For the fierce aspect of the "old moustache," and the rude, uncouth appearance bestowed by a shaggy mane, were once held, no doubt, to be symbols of the soldier's nature; but it is plain that little of this earlier concept of him lingers, if one may judge from the lip-service it receives.

Eros—Evacuee

One of London's most famous figures recently appeared on the list of "evacuees," when the statue of Eros was removed from Piccadilly Circus. It was a very high compliment; for although His Majesty's Office of Works has sent James II into exile, taken away from the House of Commons a bust of Cromwell, and erected a scaffold for Charles I in Whitehall, this time to protect him, it has left the rest of London's statues to stand their ground unsheltered.

The average Londoner takes little exception to this since he has always had a feeling that "they'd none of them be missed." But this does not apply to Eros. Eros made a pleasant contrast to those eminent gentlemen who "sleep in dull, cold marble" all over London's squares, but who, wrapped in their frock coats, or frogged tunics, are, in the Londoner's view, so far from being sleeping beauties.

The city evidently recognised the fact: it would much rather have seen the captains and the kings depart, not to mention the politicians, and it paid Eros a tribute that it seldom pays to them—it looked at him. He conquered not only its attention, but its affection; and although when peace returns, the Stuarts may enjoy another Restoration, they will hardly receive such an ovation as will conquering Eros.

BLOCKADE NEWS REEL

A GLANCE at the map will show you why Napoleon, more than a century ago, cursed the geographical situation of Great Britain, why Hitler curses that same inescapable fact to-day.

The heavy lines show the sea routes by which in peace-time industrialised, urbanised Germany receives her main imports of iron ore, wool, oil, cotton, wheat, coffee, fruit, butter, coal, timber, copper and tin from the U.S.A., Argentine, Brazil, India, China and Japan.

To reach Germany all the North and South Atlantic sea routes must converge into two main traffic lines, both dominated by the British Navy. The northern routes must pass somewhere between the 250-mile span between Northern Scotland and Southern Norway, the southern routes must pass up the English Channel, through the 20-mile Straits of Dover. Those 270 miles control 85 per cent. of Germany's overseas trade routes, and those 270 miles are controlled by Britain.

Further South, the great Mediterranean trade routes can also be controlled by the Allied navies from several bases. At Suez, Malta and Gibraltar vessels can be inspected for contraband.

HOW BLOCKADE WORKS

During the last war the blockade of Germany was maintained by the 10th Cruiser Squadron. At its maximum strength this included 20 armed merchant cruisers, comprising ships of the Allan, White Star, Orient, Anchor, P. & O., Union Castle, Royal Mail, Furness Withy, Elders & Fyfes and other lines.

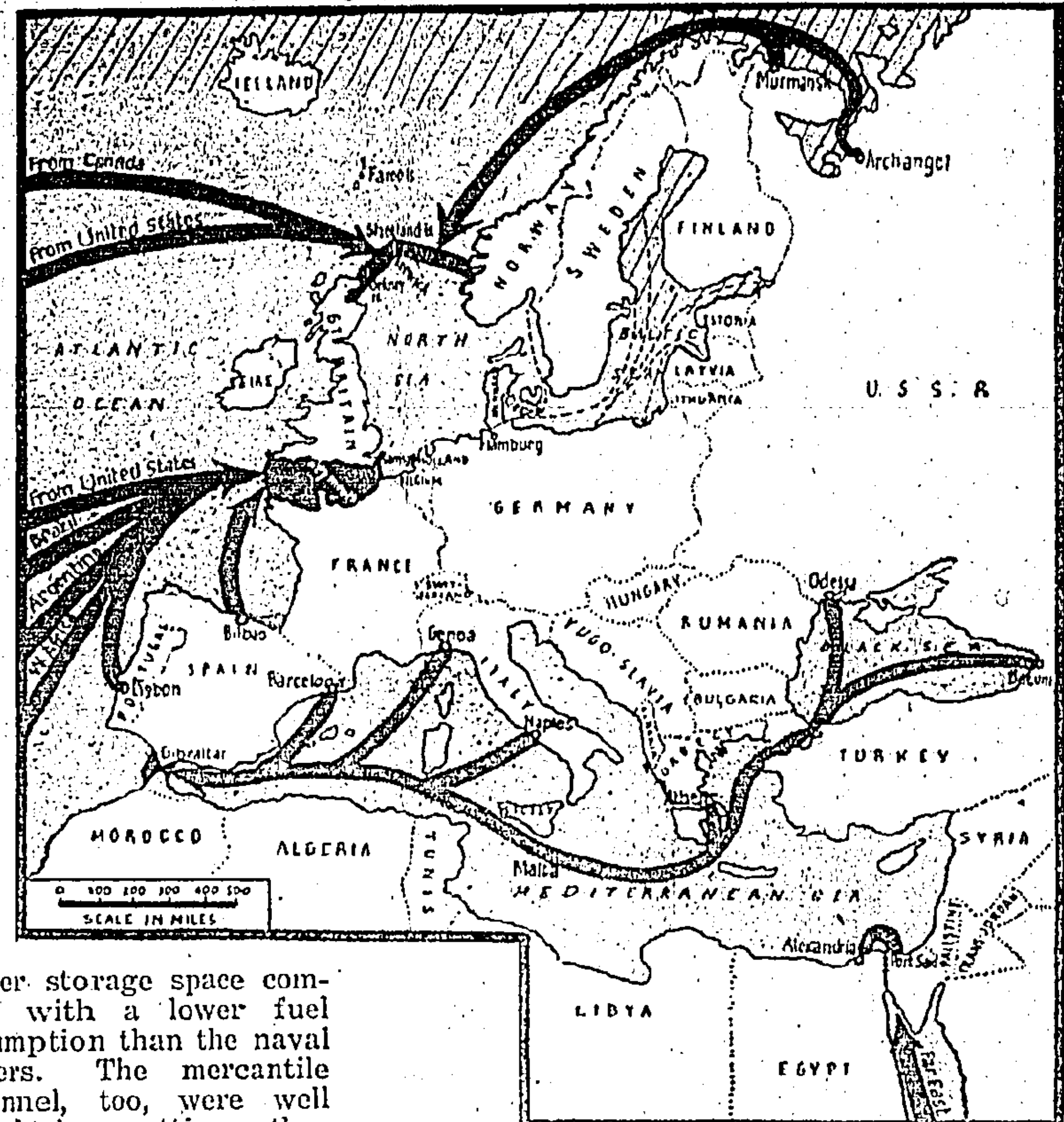
These were commanded by naval officers, but otherwise the personnel was mainly R.N.R. (ex-mercantile). Experience during the first few months of the blockade proved these to be much better suited for such work than the old naval cruisers employed at the beginning. This procedure not only released naval men for strictly naval duties, but the merchant cruisers had

greater storage space combined with a lower fuel consumption than the naval cruisers. The mercantile personnel, too, were well trained in spotting other merchant vessels, and any odd features about those vessels.

These merchant cruisers were armed with 6 in. and 3 in. guns, and their fuelling capacity enabled them to stay at sea for periods varying up to 30 days. Vessels were divided into patrols which covered the whole area from Iceland to the Hebrides, and as ice prevents ships from passing north of Iceland for several months of the year it was only necessary to keep that section patrolled during the summer months. In the map above, the scored area represents the extent of the ice during the winter months.

As a general rule ships were about 30 miles apart, since visibility for the lookout in the crow's nest was usually about 15 miles. Zig-zag courses were always steered to guard against submarine attack, and the general rate of steaming was 15 knots. In the centre of the line what was known as an "in and out patrol" was maintained.

Ships would steam in line abreast (i.e. on parallel courses) along the tracks of



shipping for 30 or 40 miles in one direction, and then for a similar distance in the reverse direction. During the hours of darkness all ships would steam to the eastward, and during daylight to the westward, thus preventing vessels slipping through the cordon at night.

Ships nearer the extremity of the line would maintain what was known as a cross patrol, steaming backwards and forwards in line ahead, across the track of shipping; for a similar distance to the "in and out" patrols.

FIGURES OF SUCCESS

Throughout the period this patrol was in operation, only 4 per cent. of the merchant ships crossing the Atlantic managed to avoid the blockade. During the heaviest week recorded 156 ships were boarded and 58 sent into port for examination. Two armed raiders succeeded in getting through disguised as neutral merchantmen, but two were detected and sunk.

From May 1, 1918, the blockade was maintained by a huge minefield laid between Norway and the Ork-

neys. Immediately behind it, and in the Fair Island channel, hundreds of destroyers, patrol vessels, trawlers and other small craft, fitted with anti-submarine devices, were constantly on patrol.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

In the English Channel the blockade was a comparatively simple procedure. To-day, control stations are established at Weymouth, Ramsgate and Lerwick (in the Shetland Islands). To these control stations all vessels suspected of carrying contraband to German ports are conducted for examination.

Prize Courts in the last war were sitting from September, 1914, and did not conclude their work until long after the signature of peace. Up to March 31, 1920, the amount which had passed through the Registry of the Court was £21,254,412; and up to March 31, 1938, £6,770,927 was paid out to the Naval Prize Fund for distribution among the personnel of the Royal Navy and those who were attached to it during the Great War.

The Allies Were Aryans Once

ONE of these days some one will ask Herren Goebbels and Streicher who introduced the Aryan theory into Germany. Then there will be a rumpus.

The Aryan theory is the most remarkable—and, as it has turned out, dangerous—accident, for which we are not entirely blameless. The French invented it; we made it popular, and introduced it to Germany; and there it was firmly planted in patriotic minds by a Jewish philosopher.

That is awkward for the National Socialists, but quite, quite true.

It all began like this. Not so long ago we Europeans knew nothing about the languages of India, and when Sir William Jones, a celebrated philologist, went to that country on Government business he took the trouble to learn Sanskrit, which gave him the clue to the origin of a big group of European languages—English, German,

Icelandic and a host of others among them.

These languages are now called Indo-European or Indo-Germanic; but Sir William translated the Sanskrit term quite innocently by the word Arya—and then the trouble began.

A number of ethnologists and self-styled anthropologists got hold of these Sanskrit researches and jumped to the conclusion that if people speak similar languages you can say they belong to one race.

In 1855 Count Joseph de Gobineau, an enthusiastic and eccentric Frenchman, wrote a book called "Essay on the Inequality of the Human Races," which, as the title suggests, tried to prove that one so-called race—the Aryan race—was the greatest in the world.

The book caused much discussion in France and England. It was very nice for every one to think that he belonged to the chosen race. The Prussian Mini-

ster in Britain, Baron Bunsen, took up the theory with enthusiasm and passed it on to his pupil, Max Muller, for many years a professor at Oxford. In France the Aryan race was eventually identified by de Lapouge with the Nordic group (originating near the Baltic).

Max Muller, plugging the Aryan theory for forty years, and then at length realised that he had been barking up the wrong tree. Just fifty years ago he wrote: "I have declared again and again that if I say Aryans, I mean neither blood nor bones, nor hair, nor skull; I mean simply those who speak an Aryan language."

And Yiddish has a good claim to be considered an Aryan language. That was why Moses Mendelssohn, Jewish-German philosopher, took up the Aryan theory and introduced it to German scholars.

By the time the German Uni-

taken theory the English had got over it and the French were laughing at de Gobineau and de Lapouge. Unfortunately, the German nationalist movement absorbed it with a vengeance.

Gustav Kossinna, Prussian nationalist, appointed himself Aryan historian of the German people and tried to prove that "history was pre-eminently a German national science," though no one could imagine why history should be a national science, save Kossinna's followers.

But due to the national science appeared on the title-page of the second edition of his book. It was dated: "On the day of general mobilisation, 1914."

And on the same day a group of young Prussians formed a corps with a new standard, the

Lanchow, Capital Of Kansu, Now In Flames MASS RAIDS REDUCE CHINESE CITY TO PILE OF RUINS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MUSSOLINI TO VISIT POPE AT VATICAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 28 (UP).—Signor Mussolini is to visit His Holiness the Pope at the Vatican on January 4. This announcement was made to-day following a 35-minute private conversation between the Pope and King Victor Emmanuel in the Quirinal.

It is understood that the Pope expressed a desire to receive Il Duce.

First reactions in both Italian political circles and Vatican quarters is that Mussolini's visit would be connected with the Holy See's interest in peace.

It is generally understood that the Holy See and the Italian Government are following a parallel course.

Garcia Is Keen To Fight In Hongkong

Cesario Garcia, middleweight boxing champion of the world, who recently defeated Glen Lee in a title bout in Manila, would be very glad to fight in Hongkong if a bout could be arranged.

He said this morning when he arrived in Hongkong en route back to the United States.

Commenting on his fight last week, Garcia merely said: "It was a very good fight and I am glad I won."

Garcia was accompanied by his wife, five-month old son, and Trainer, John Villard.

To Fight Armstrong

The champion added that he was returning to the United States to defend his title against Henry Armstrong at Los Angeles on February 22.

"I am feeling in excellent form and I certainly hope I shall win," he declared.

He revealed that Jack Dempsey, who referred his title fight in Manila had already returned to America by Clipper, and would, therefore, not be coming to Hongkong, as at one time hoped.

Asked as to what were his intentions regarding his young son, Garcia said that he would like him to be able to fight, but these days one had to leave it to the boy to decide what places he intended to go.

"However, I intend to give him an education, and I am trying to earn enough for him now. As far as I am concerned, I hope to quit the ring as soon as I have achieved this object."

Glen Lee Aboard

Also aboard the same ship which arrived here this morning was Glen Lee, Garcia's challenger in Manila.

He was accompanied by his trainer, a third interesting American sports personality aboard was Frank Korvach, national ranking tennis player, who is returning to the United States following an exhibition tour of the Orient.

10,000,000 Will Die In China This Winter

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, 28 (UP).—The New York press to-day gave wide play to the arrival of 24-year-old Miss Joy Homer, a representative of the Church Committee for China Relief. Miss Homer has completed a year's travel in 15 of China's 19 provinces. In her press interview she warned that at least 10,000,000 people will perish from starvation and cold in North China this winter unless emergency relief funds are forthcoming.

She paid great tribute to the Chinese leaders and the recuperative ability of the Chinese people.

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Dec. 28 (Dome).—Returning the Royal visit to the Vatican Palace on December 21, His Holiness the Pope this morning called on King Victor Emmanuel and the Queen at the Quirinal.

Such an event has not occurred since the Fascist Party came to power. Political circles say that it signifies closer co-operation between the Holy See and the Italian Government in connection with the current international situation, and especially in dealing with the question of peace in Europe.

Americans & Tientsin Restrictions Ask Japanese For Their Removal

TIENSIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter).

A request for the removal of the barrier restrictions in Tientsin was made to-day by representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce, who called on Lieut.-General Homma, commander of the Japanese garrison.

Their visit was made in connection with the difficulties experienced by American business circles in Tientsin owing to the Japanese blockade.

Alternative Request

They presented a memorandum asking that the barriers should be removed in the interest of general trade, or if this should prove to be impossible, that special instructions be given at the barriers to permit American citizens and their families to go through without having to pass the examination booths.

Lieut.-General Homma, whose attitude was very cordial, said the removal of the barriers depended upon instructions from Tokyo, but the second request would receive his serious consideration.

In conclusion, Lieut.-General Homma reminded the representatives that war was still in progress and he counselled them to have patience.

Chinese To Make Films In Hollywood

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 28 (UP).—Moon Kwan, China's leading producer and director, accompanied by his actress wife, Tso Yee-mann, have arrived here to produce two films.

The films will be distributed in the United States and China, and Tso Yee-mann will star in both.

Mr. Kwan takes three years and four million dollars to produce an epic film in Hollywood. In China we do it in five days at a cost of \$2,500," Mr. Kwan asserted.

CHUNGKING, DEC. 29 (UP).—LANCHOW, CAPITAL OF KANSU, IS NOW IN FLAMES AS A RESULT OF THE TERRIFIC AIR RAIDS WHICH HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED ON THE CITY BY JAPANESE PLANES SINCE TUESDAY.

No less than 297 planes took part in raids on three consecutive days. On Tuesday, 101 Japanese machines dropped incendiary bombs.

On Wednesday, another 98 planes soared over the blazing city and dropped more bombs, while a further 98 carried out a raid on Thursday.

The worst destruction was caused in yesterday's raid, although no foreign casualties or damage to foreign property is reported.

Yesterday demolition bombs were dropped and most of the hits were scored on houses in the middle of the city.

On Tuesday, three of the invaders were shot down, and another four were brought down on Wednesday.

Casualties Low

Civilian casualties are low, about 100 being killed in the three raids. On all three days the air battles were very severe, Chinese pursuit planes engaging the attackers.

Chinese authorities at Lanchow are carrying out their programme of evacuating the civilians.

However, it is stated that the foreign residents will remain.

Japanese Bombers Shot Down

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—At least three Japanese bombers were shot down in aerial battles on Tuesday when 99 planes in three groups raided Lanchow, capital of the Kansu province, according to Chinese reports.

As the Japanese aircraft appeared over Lanchow, it is stated, Chinese pursuit planes engaged them.

War Front News

Fighting around Sinyang, an important town on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in South Honan, is reaching a decisive stage, according to "Central News" message from Nanyang this morning. Two more strategic points, it is stated, have been regained by the Chinese forces in that area.

The Japanese beleaguered at Yuhao, north-west of Sinyang, have succeeded in breaking through the Chinese cordon and have fled in the direction of Yangliuho.

In pursuit of the Japanese retreating from Lichang and Tunyankwan in south-east Shansi, a Chinese force penetrated into Shensien, in the northern tip of Honan, and recaptured it on Christmas Day.

In South Shansi, the Chinese are reported to be attacking Yehent. Points to the east of the town have been recovered.

In Kiangsi some 300 Japanese were killed and five Japanese lorries were destroyed in a chance encounter with Chinese forces at Tingshan, north-east of Tungan, on December 26.

After defeating the Japanese, these Chinese forces pushed toward Chienchow, reaching there on the morning of December 27.

Warship Sunk, Report

On the Yangtze River, Chinese sources claim, another Japanese warship has been sunk. This ship was anchored near Chikow, north-west of Kweichow, on the south bank of the river, when Chinese shore batteries opened fire on her yesterday morning.

It is stated that more than 20 shells hit the vessel setting it afire. In South, Chinese troops made another re-entry into Kiangmoon on the morning of December 25 after a night-long engagement in the outskirts. Japanese military establishments were set on fire. The Chinese forces withdrew after several hours of street fighting.

From Yunyung comes a report that the Japanese who were driven across the Pakong River have suffered further casualties on the south bank. They have fled toward Pailien.

Fighting at Mulkong and Leung-hongwhu, about 25 miles east of Pakong, is also stated to be in favour of the Chinese. The invaders were surrounded and heavily attacked at a point six miles south of Mulkong yesterday and the day before.

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The art of kicking has been developed to such an extent in Australia that a goal can normally be scored from 60 yards. One Melbourne player is credited with having scored a goal from a distance of 100 yards, using the drop kick.

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France Facing Increased Taxation Big Civil Budget Is Approved

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).

France's first civil budget since the war was passed by the Senate.

It totalled 79,000,000,000 francs, exceeding last year's budget by 16,000,000,000 francs.

M. Paul Reynaud, the Minister of Finance, spoke about France's budgetary policy for the duration of the war. Civil expenditure will be met by taxation. The increased military expenditure must be met by loans.

The Franco-British financial agreement, he said, had made it much easier to get foreign exchange required for war purposes.

He also stressed that aid was now being given to Finland, while the Polish Army was being maintained.

Unanimous Support

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Senate by a vote of 303 to 0, passed the civil budget bill providing for an expenditure of 79,247,000,000 francs.

Several Senate amendments require the budget to be returned to the Chamber of Deputies, which must make the final vote prior to midnight on Sunday.

Car Owners In Court

Woman's Plea Is Accepted

Fines of \$5 each were imposed on M. Tolan and C. N. Dunn, by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they were summoned for leaving their cars in the Pedder Street car-park beyond the limit of two hours on November 29 and 30 respectively.

A summons against Mrs. G. Chaun, of Babington Path, for failing to produce her driving licence to a police officer on November 25 was dismissed.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan appeared for Mrs. Chaun and submitted that she did not intentionally refuse to show the constable her licence. It was possible that there was some misunderstanding between them. Had Mrs. Chaun understood the constable to have asked her to take her licence to the Traffic Office the next day, she would have done so, but Mrs. Chaun said she never heard the constable make such a request.

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U.S. TO HAVE 52 NEW AIR SQUADRONS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28, (Dome).—Fifty-two additional air squadrons are to be created in order to strengthen the Pacific and Caribbean Sea defences, according to an announcement by the Department of War.

Most of the new squadrons will be divided into twelve different groups.

A group of bombers will be assigned to Hawaii, a group of fighting planes to the Panama Canal Zone, and a mixed group of bombers and fighting planes to Alaska.

Four squadrons of bombers and four of fighters will be assigned for the defence of Puerto Rico.

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AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL TO BE PLAYED HERE TO-DAY

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE football is to be introduced to Hongkong this afternoon for the first time in the Colony's history.

Opportunity for a demonstration of this spectacular type of football has been provided by the visit here of an auxiliary cricket which has about some 300 members of the Royal Australian Naval Reserve.

The game will be played at Causeway Bay, commencing at 3.30 p.m. Australian League football differs from the types of games followed in England, the Continent or in the United States.

It is featured by drop-kicking.

Australian footballers have created world records for lengthy kicks—and spectacular marking.

It is probable that, with the arrival in Hongkong of auxiliary cricketers containing a large preponderance of Australian reserves in their crews, Australian League football will become a common sight in the Colony during the war.

In this afternoon's match, most of the players will be from South Australia. They include men who played in League Football in Adelaide.

The game is played with a football and each team has 22 players.

There are four goal posts at each end of the ground. Six points are scored for a goal (kicked through the two inner posts) and one point for a behind (kicked through the outer posts).

The art of kicking has been developed to such an extent in Australia that a goal can normally be scored from 60 yards. One Melbourne player is credited with having scored a goal from a distance of 100 yards, using the drop kick.

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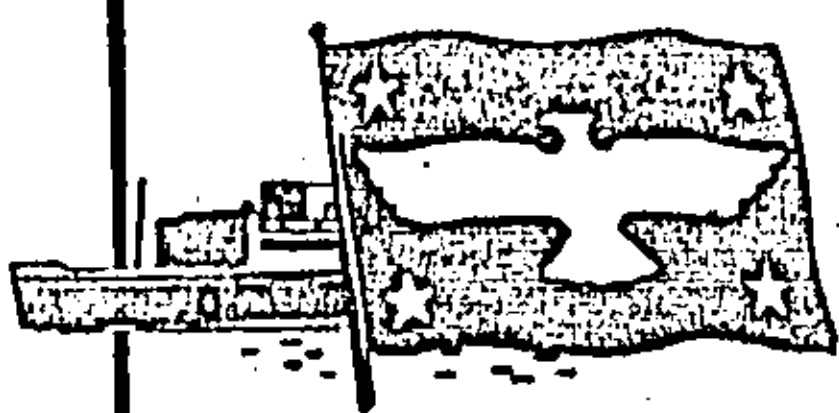
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8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Dance Music.

8.20 Studio—Comments on Recent
Events.

8.30 London Relay—"Laugh before
Lunch." A Variety Programme.

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Af-
fairs."

9.45 A Variety and Dance Pro-
gramme.

Vocal—The Song Of The Kettle
(Anthony); Chery Souls (Burke)...
Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with
Piano; Fox-Trot—Song Without
Words; Thank You, Mister Bach...
The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra; Come-
dienne—Florrie Forde Old Time Med-
ley... Florrie Forde with Chorus
and Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Thankful;
Swing That Music... Louis Arm-
strong and His Orchestra; Vocal—So
Green (film That's a good girl); Col
La! La! (film That's a good girl);
Jack Buchanan with Orchestra;
Jazz—Bye-bye Blues; One-Step—
California... Phil Green and His
Orchestra; Comedian—I'm The Only
Bit Of Comfort That She's Got...
Max Miller with Orchestra; Fox-
Trot—Take My Heart... Dick Mc-
Donough and His Orchestra; Come-
dienne—She Said She Wouldn't (Mil-
ler)... Max Miller with Orchestra;
Fox-Trot—Let It Be Me (film 'Broad-
way Hostess')... Jay Wilbur and
His Band; Descriptive Sketch—The
Derby; Part I—On 'the Road; Part 2
—On 'the Course... with The Sing-
ing Pearly Kings; Fox-Trot—Break-
fast In Harlem (film 'Transatlantic
Rhythm'); I Heard A Song In A Taxi
(film 'Transatlantic Rhythm')...
Harry Roy and His Orchestra; Humo-
rous Monologue—Jonah and the
Grapes (Edgar)... Stanley Holve-
way with Piano; Fox-Trot—Your
Feet's Too Big... Nat Gonella and
His Georgians.

11.00 Close Down.

White Hall Evacuation

15,000 Civil Servants
Leave London

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).

The evacuation of civil ser-
vants from London will continue.

It is announced that the Govern-
ment has reconsidered the matter
and it now reaffirms its decision that
all Government departments which
can function away from London must
leave.

One estimate says that 15,000 civil
servants have already gone, 5,000
more are expected to go shortly and
10,000 are still in London.

Those who still remain are ex-
pected to protest at any extension of
the evacuation scheme.

PICKPOCKET DID
HIS BEST

But Victim Was Too
Quick For Him

The tricks of a pick-pocket's trade
were experienced by Mr. T. Bolt of
the P.W.D., in Pedder Street yester-
day, when Lo Sun, aged 24 and un-
employed, attempted to steal a pen
from him.

When Lo was charged before Mr.
Houston at the Central Magistracy
this morning, Mr. Bolt said: "I felt a
bump on my right shoulder and I
naturally turned my head. The next
moment a hand was over my left
shoulder and was grasping my pen."

Complainant then described how he
turned to the left and saw Lo stand-
ing very close to him, holding a piece
of newspaper which was covering his
breast pocket. A fountain pen was
clipped to the pocket.

Mr. Bolt caught hold of the man
but he managed to break away and
ran into Des Voeux Road Central,
where he was caught by a passerby.

The defendant pleaded that he ac-
cidentally bumped into Mr. Bolt, who
gave him a slap, and he (Lo) then
walked away.

The man was sentenced to three
months' hard labour.

TO DISCUSS WAR

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).

The South Rhodesian Minister of Justice
and Defence is to visit London short-
ly by air for discussions on the war.

The main subject of his discussions
will be war finance, but it is expected
that expansion of air training in
Rhodesia, supply of Rhodesian pro-
ducts and the further use of
Rhodesian fruits will also be on the
agenda.

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Freighter Aground
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—The
British freighter, City of Singapore
sent a radio message at 10.20 a.m.
to-day saying she was aground east
of the Ambrose lightship, about one
mile inside the entrance to New York
harbour.

Vessel Refloated

The City of Singapore has been
refloated, says "Reuter".
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MINE DISASTER RUMOUR DENIED

SENSATIONAL RUMOURS WERE
CURRENT IN HONGKONG THIS
MORNING THAT THE 1,665-TON
STEAMER MACAO, OF THE TAI
SANG STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
FLEET, HAD STRUCK A MINE
OFF CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND, IN
HONGKONG TERRITORIAL
WATERS.

The rumour is denied by the Tai
Sang S. S. Company, and neither
naval nor police circles have any in-
formation.

The Macao left Hongkong for
Macao at 8 o'clock this morning with
a large passenger list.

She is a twin-screw steamer en-
gaged in regular ferry service between
Hongkong and Macao. She was
formerly on the Canton run. Built
in France in 1903, the Macao was
formerly the s.s. 'Raid Beau'. She is
registered in Hongkong.

No Trouble

The rumour that the Tai Sang
Steamship Company's river steamer
Macao had struck a mine off Cheung
Chiu Island this morning has been
further discounted by a report from
Captain Temple, of the Sai On.

After the Sai On arrived from
Macao this morning Captain Temple
stated that he had passed the Macao,
Tai Sang, and Tung On at the half-
way point. They were proceeding in
line and had not had any trouble.

They were then beyond the area
where mines were laid, he con-
sidered, out of danger.

Goodwill Mission To Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28 (Domel).
—In response to the Japanese Gov-
ernment's suggestion, the Argentine
Government has decided to send a
goodwill mission to Japan.

The mission will consist of seven
representatives of political, econo-
mic, financial, and Press circles in
the country. It will be headed by
Dr. Frederico Kintana, former Ar-
gentine Ambassador to Chile.

Sailing from Buenos Aires on
January 4 aboard the O.S.K. liner
Argentine Maru, the group will in-
spect various parts of Japan for
about a month.

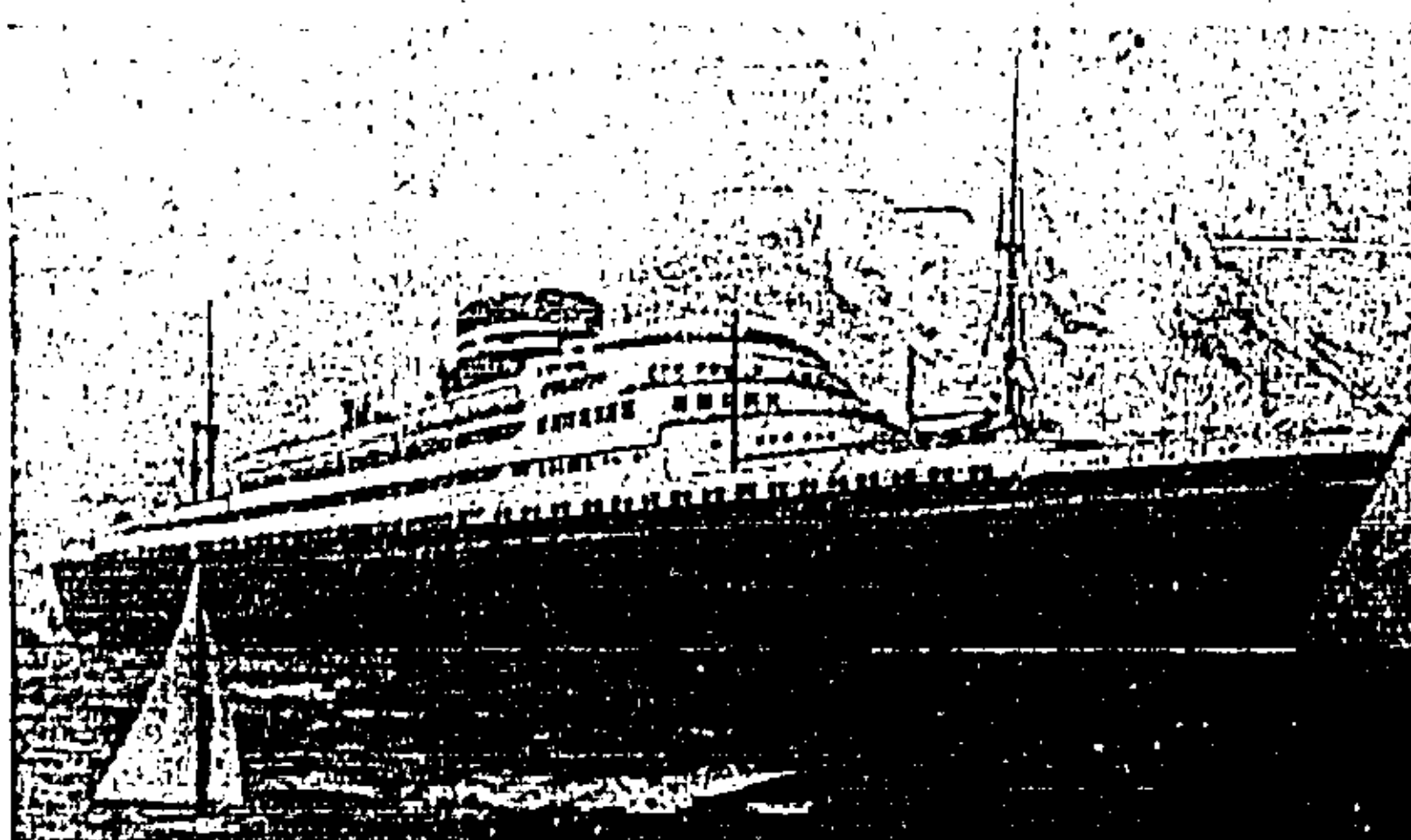
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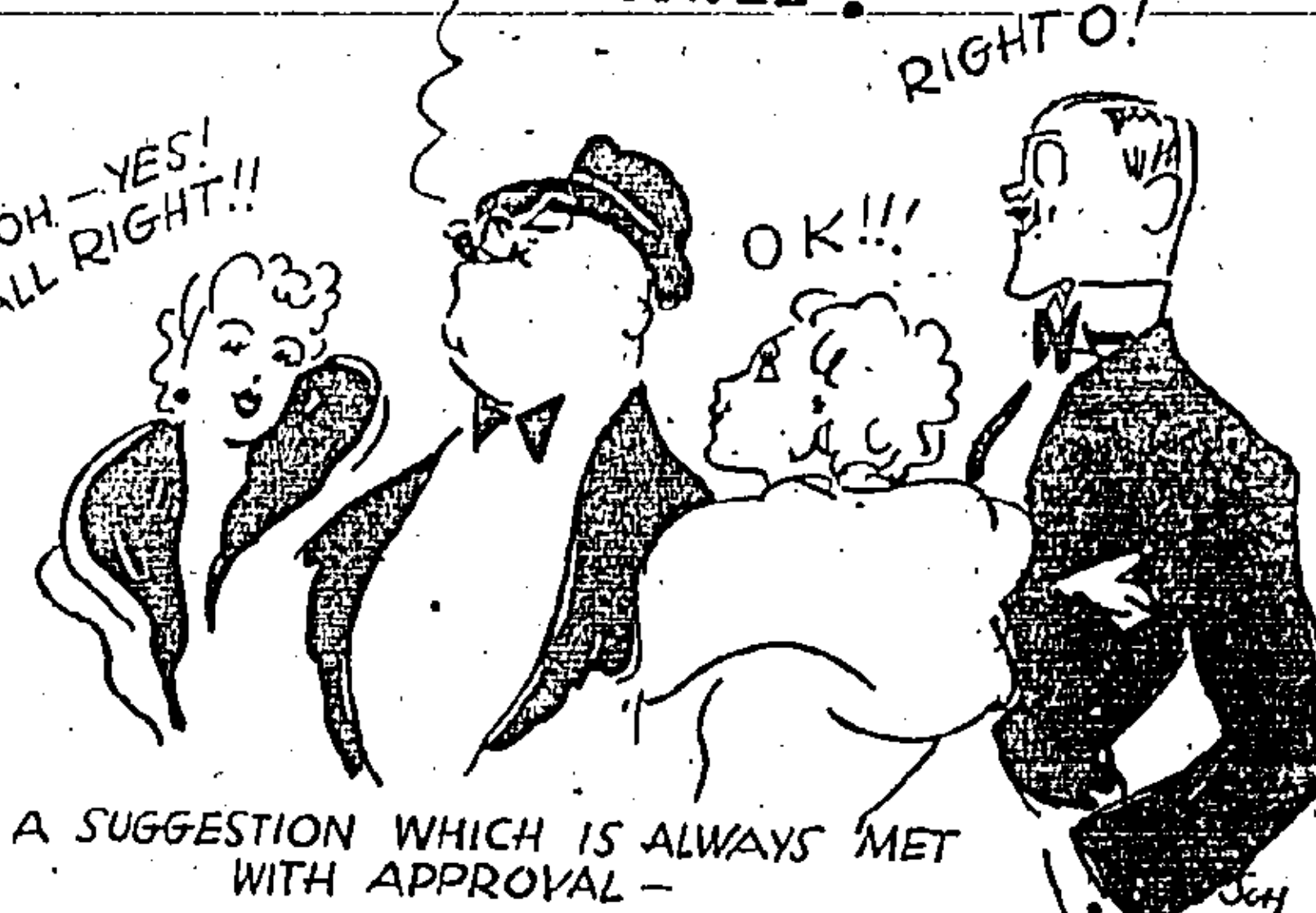
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PLANS FOR R. A. F. VOLUNTEERS EMPLOYMENT BY END OF YEAR

By MAJOR O. C. TURNER

Causes of the "bottle neck" in the training of the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, and of the payment of a large number of members who are waiting to be posted, were explained at the Air Ministry.

It is hoped that all men on the waiting list will be absorbed by the end of the year.

The subject was dealt with in The Daily Telegraph recently and the facts, as then stated, are officially admitted—and a large number of letters have been received from members of the Volunteer Reserve, parents, employers and flying instructors.

I pointed out that hundreds of men had received no training in the 10 weeks since mobilisation, and indicated the difficulty of returning temporarily to civil life, an option given by the Ministry.

The outbreak of war found the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve in a somewhat unorganised condition. Some units had town headquarters but no aerodromes; others had flying facilities but no town headquarters.

"Cadet Wings" As Solution

There were no means available for absorbing the immense number of members for service training.

The formation of "cadet wings" was at once undertaken, and at the present time three of these are in existence. These are well housed.

The real "bottle neck" in training is at the advanced stage. This cannot be dealt with by the transference of material and personnel from elementary training schools, since these are not suited to advanced training.

The Air Ministry claim that the most considerable cause was adopted, that of granting full pay for the waiting period. Admittedly, it is costly, but not so costly as that of taking over more buildings.

Meanwhile, a fourth cadet wing is nearly ready, and a fifth is on the way.

Yet another plan, soon to be put into execution, is that of extending the course of four weeks now undergone at the cadet wings, so that the

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1889.
The mad King of Bavaria smokes about a hundred cigarettes daily. That accounts for his madness.

The Prince of Wales, now that he may shortly become a grandfather, and that his poor swelled head has given place to a badly swelled leg, is becoming a perfect saint. On his last visit to Homburg, he discouraged the foot-racing of mules and matrons, and did not, as of yore, include dukes, millionaires and dukes to trundle fat women and giddy-gushers downhill in wheelbarrows. His sole pleasures just now are decorous dinners and lengthy luncheons.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1914.
The naval and military authorities call the attention of persons using the streets to the danger of fragments of shells and bullets from the guns used against hostile aircraft attempting a raid on London. Civilians are warned to keep cover, preferably in the basements of houses, on hearing the sound of firing.

All the Far Eastern garrisons in the process of time will be filled up with Territorial troops who will release the troops for the Continental battlefields. When the Territorials have been sufficiently trained they will take their place in the fighting line and in the advance on Berlin.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1929.
The Woodrow Wilson Foundation have unanimously decided that the 1929 award of £250,000 shall go to the Trustees of the League of Nations in recognition of a decade of service in the interests of World peace.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1934.
Max Baer, who can hit hard enough to knock Primo Carnora silly, but who only needs to smile to set American fanlike hearts thumping, is going to risk his skin—and his face. To-night, he will make his world's championship when he meets King Levinaky.

Instruction given may be more complete.

It is requested that any who experience difficulty or delay in regard to pay should write to the Air Ministry, Accountants' Branch, P.2, Admiralty House, Kingsway, W.C.2.

REQUIRED

2 oz. of 3-ply wool, a short length of white, and a pair of No 13 knitting needles.

TENSION

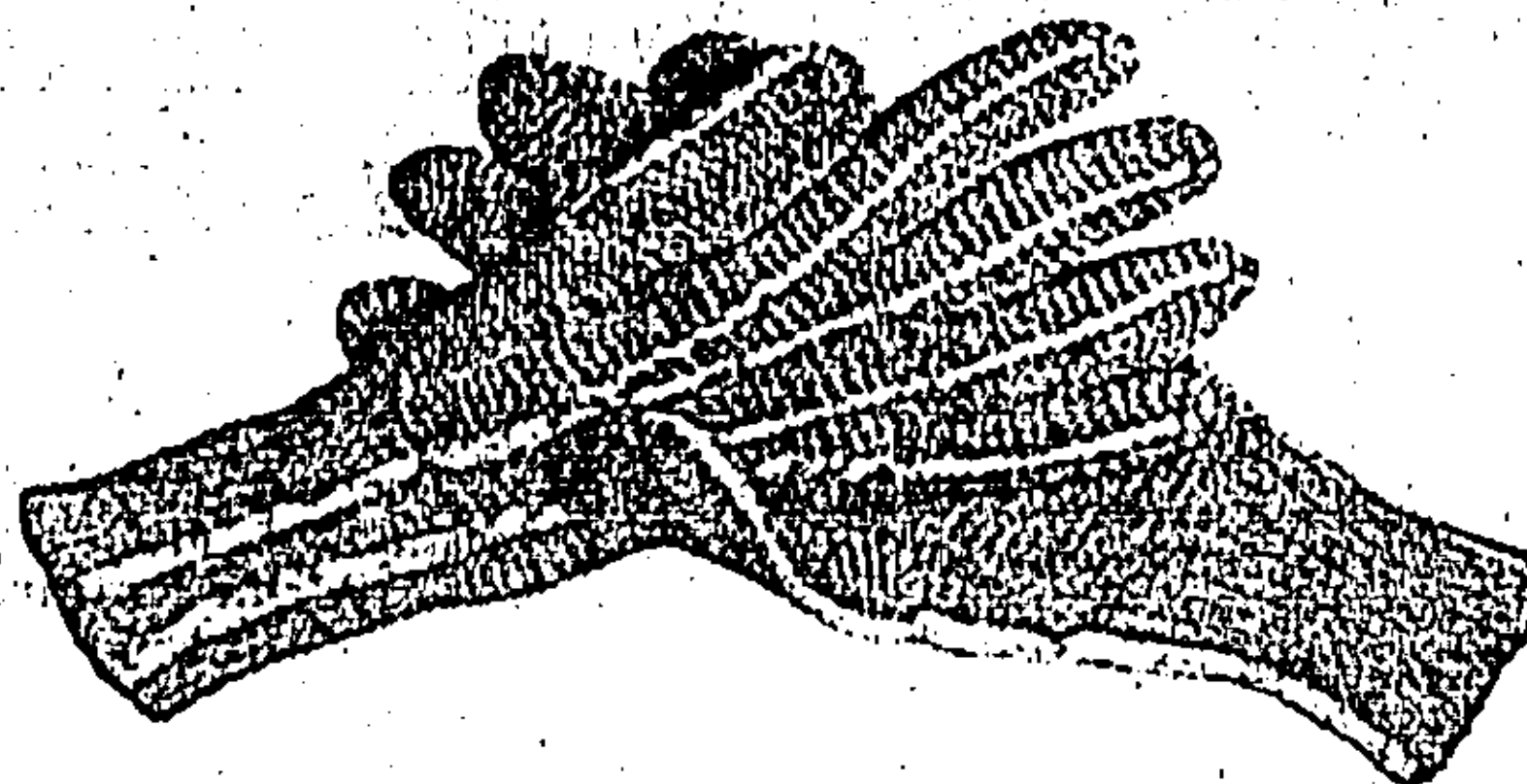
9 sts. to 1 inch width and approximately 14 rows to 1 inch in depth over the garter stitch.

MEASUREMENT

Length from tip of centre finger to edge of cuff 11 inches; and length of centre finger 3 inches.

ABBREVIATIONS

K, knit; p, purl; st, stitches; inc, increase; dec, decrease; rep, repeat; tog, together; g. st., garter stitch.



Knit yourself these gloves and they'll ensure a

Warm Handshake

If you're wanting a pair of gloves that are both gay-looking and warm you might try knitting these. The models were worked in a pale jade green with "seam" effects in white.

Right Glove

Cast on 40 sts with main wool and work thus:

1st row: (K1, p1) 4 times, k1, then with a small ball of white, k2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, then k2, white (k1, p1) 5 times, then k2, white (k1, p1) 5 times, k1.

2nd row: Rib 17, then p2, white, rib 10, p2 white, rib 7, p2 white, rib 8.

Continue to rep. these 2 rows, working the white stripes with separate balls of wool, and always twisting the wools at back of work when changing colour, until cuff measures 3 1/2 inches from start.

Now change to g. st. (every row k.), but still work the white sts. in stocking st. as before. Work 4 rows then begin changing for thumb thus:

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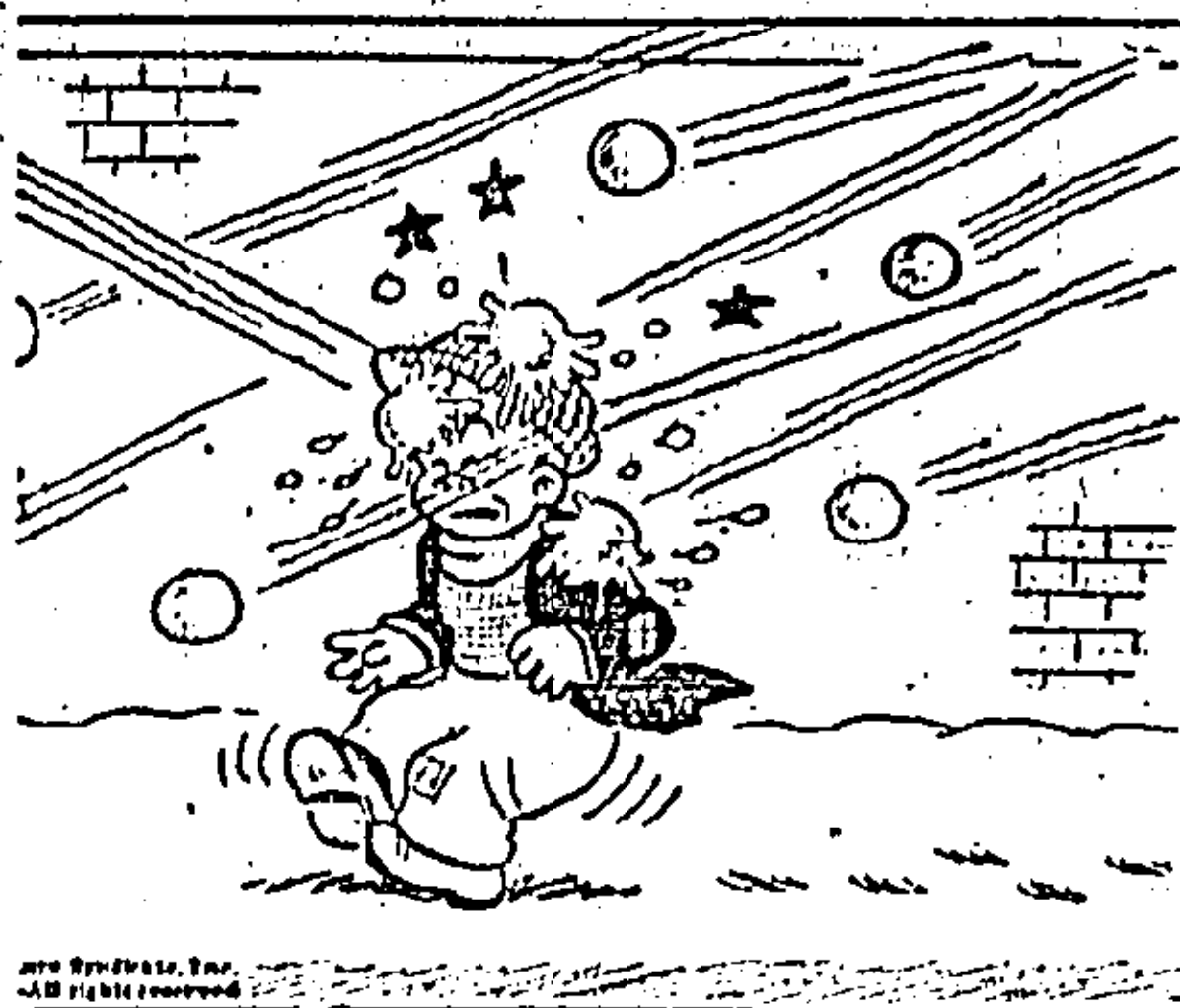
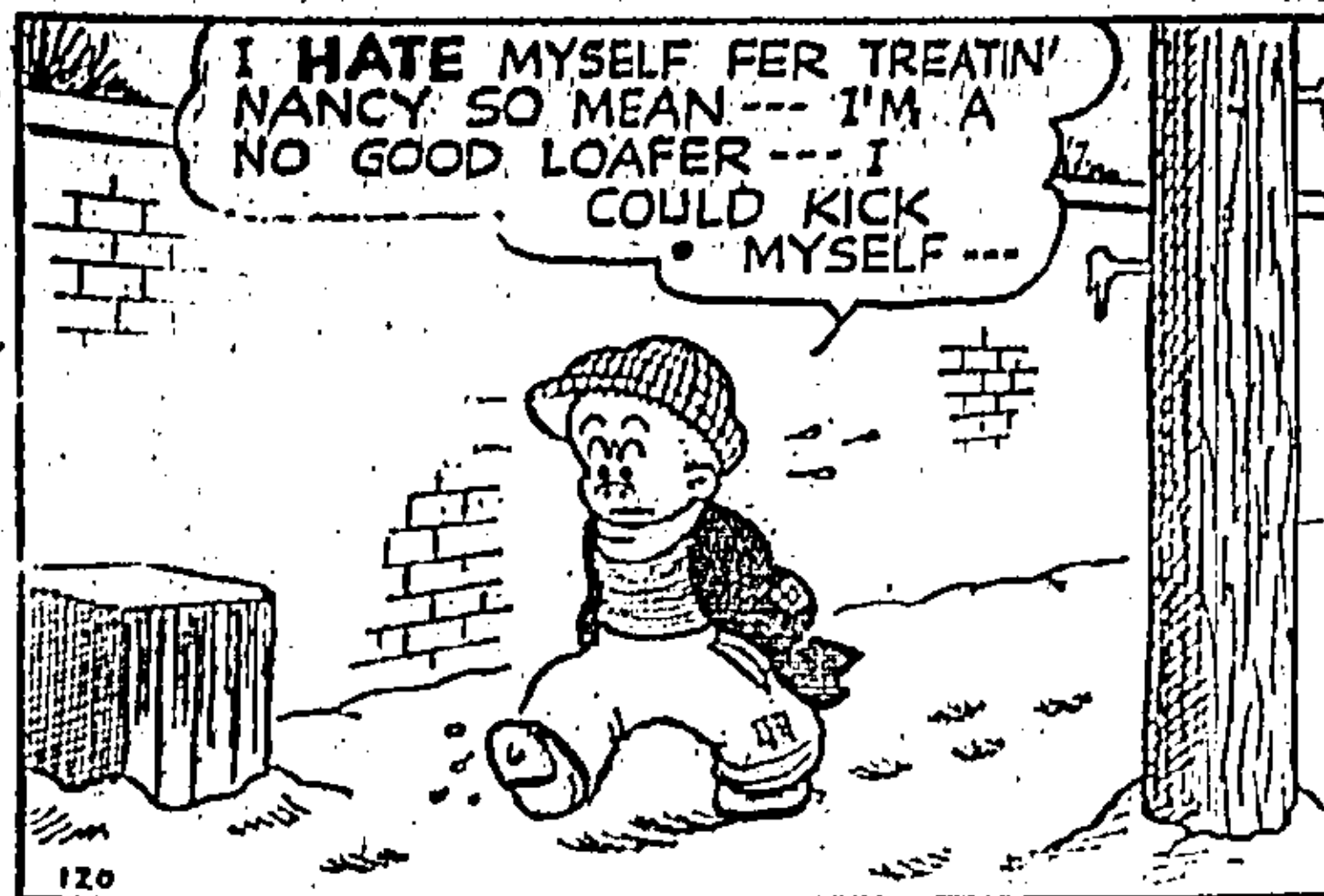
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



TRIBUTES TO FINNS

British Press Is Unanimous

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Most British newspapers today had leading articles on Finland's successful defence against the Soviets.

The "Daily Telegraph" for instance said that the Finns had shown themselves to be far superior to the invaders in all but numbers. Commenting on the Soviet Government's attempt to conceal the news of Soviet losses from its own people, the paper says there is evidence that the veil of secrecy is being pierced and the Russian people are beginning to realise the miscalculation of their leaders.

Heavy losses could not be concealed for a very long time.

Finns' Need For Help

Both the "Daily Telegraph" and "Times" deal with Finland's need for help. The "Times" says that Sweden and Norway have done a great deal and are prepared to do more. The United States has helped generously and Britain and France have gone so far as to release munitions and supplies manufactured for their own needs, while South Africa had similarly released aeroplanes originally intended for the defence of the Union.

All that these friends of liberty can do will not be too much, says the "Times," which adds that Finland's salvation will be a triumph.

American Admiral Dies In Brooklyn

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Navy Department announces the death of Rear Admiral Julius C. Townsend, 60, at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital.

Admiral Townsend was Commandant of the Fourth Naval District Headquarters at Philadelphia at the time of his death.

for liberty which will re-echo throughout the world.

The "Daily Herald" points out that if one lives in a democracy one is treated as a human being and one cannot be transported from one part of the country to another unless one has broken the law. Not so in Germany and Russia, where thousands are moved from their ancestral homes to suit the strategic aims of their leaders. They are shifted like cattle, the paper says.

Freedom Remains

The "News Chronicle" says that it is remarkable that in Britain in the first four months of the war, most of Britain's political and civil liberties still remain intact. This is as it should be. It is striking that several organisations should be permitted to carry on propaganda against war. Most notable of these were the British Union (which at one time was the British Union of Fascists) and the Communist Party. This first is clearly discredited now as harmless, while the latter lost its unity and guiding power as a result of the present Soviet policy.

They can still carry on however, trying to influence people, and unless they become more seditious they will not be suppressed.

NAZIS IN AMERICA

One Flees Country; Another In Jail

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—A report from the Dies Committee charges that Doctor Colin Ross, a Nazi propagandist, recently toured the United States in a special motor car equipped with movie cameras, with which he attempted to photograph "specialised industrial plants."

The report charges that such a practice apparently comes within the category of espionage and recommends his permanent expulsion from the United States.

Dr. Ross Sailed for Japan on March 17

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP).—The New York Grand Jury has charged James Wheeler-Hill, National Secretary of the German American Bund, with perjury in connection with alleged contradictions given in his testimony before the Grand Jury and Court during the Fritz Kuhn trial. The charge resulted in his immediate arrest.

Wheeler-Hill Pleaded Not Guilty to Charges and is Now on \$5,500 Bail, Pending Trial on January 29

Trawler Believed To Be Lost

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—M. trawler Leodion is overdue and must be presumed to be lost, according to an Admiralty announcement. The crew numbered 15.

LETTERS

Hongkong Working Artists' Guild Appeal

To the Editor,

The "Hongkong Telegraph"

Sir,—The Hongkong Working Artists' Guild has issued an urgent appeal for help. We have a small executive which changes for the various needs of our work—shows, special jobs, classes, and so on. Lulu Chan, as Vice-President undertakes everything requiring knowledge of Chinese and Chinese artists. I myself am styled President. As all management is unpaid all monies go direct to the work of the Guild. A few items regarding our activities will fully substantiate our claim to be a useful factor in keeping Hongkong on the map as a centre of Art fellowship.

During 1938 and 1939 we have introduced several world-famous artists here—owing to expulsion from Europe—artists unknown in the Far East, through exhibitions and sales of their works which have aroused interest in the more modern developments of Chinese art. We have received from oblivion two noteworthy Chinese artists of genius recently dead, both by exhibition here and by sending a selection of their work to Europe and U.S.A. via Mr. Jack Chen.

At the studio we held a second series of lessons by a well-known teacher in Chinese Art for European students.

We have hopes at the moment, as we have hoped at the founding of an International School of Art, a permanent Art Guild, and one, for current exhibitions, which are some of our larger projects. We are however glad to see that it is proposed to erect a temporary Town Hall, which we hope may help to solve some of our trouble about exhibitions.

Meanwhile we keep peering away at the formation of a teaching Centre both for the Fine Arts and for Industrial and Commercial Art. In the summer, when we expected to be able to open a regular school towards the end of the year, we secured a brilliant Director of Studies, at the forefront of the knowledge and practice of Western Art, whom nothing but exile would have kept from us, and whose teaching of basic drawing by a moving method is new to the Far East, as taught in Paris, is the best possible foundation for every form of Art. Pupils in stage setting and decoration, who are now preparing a set on T.B. a task involving even more team work; consultation in presentation by the artist; kind of artistic skill required for which Chinese knowledge of detail is very important.

When it is realised that these activities have been kept alive and spreading on a capital sum of about \$50 sterling for over two and a half years, we may surely hope that Hongkong will help us to do even more for the present distresses and future glory of the Colony on a sum at least four times that amount which would guarantee our security for a long time to come. We can all at this time cut down our luxuries, but as we were reminded in a recent broadcast from the "Czechoslovakia" "Art and Education for a civilised community are not luxuries but necessities."

James M. Anson Macpherson, President, Hongkong Working Artists' Guild.

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CANBERRA H'CAP

An Easy Outing

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There was only one spill when Sea Urchin and Mr. H. J. Cowie came to grief after clearing the fence near Sun Wai village. Bingo, after jumping the first fence, ran out, and the cob did not complete the course.

National Unity (a new comer) followed the field right up to the last obstacle, but instead of completing the last hundred yards from home the pony jumped over the rails to the track reserved for flat racing, and he made a local for the main entrance. The rider nearly had an order.

FANLING CUP

Critics Astounded

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Golf Starting Times For Fanling

The following are the starting times arranged by the R.H.K.G.C. for Sunday and Monday:

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- 9.20 W. Harper, J. A. McKay.
- 9.30 D. O. Baldwin, M. D. Cooper.
- 9.40 T. R. Dennis, R. C. Everett.
- 9.50 N. K. L. McJohn, J. G. Campbell.
- 10.00 J. C. Brown, L. Jackson.
- 10.10 M. K. Pearson, R. C. Stewart.
- 10.20 General Sutton, G. C. Black.
- 10.30 J. Stenerson, P. Grove.
- 10.40 Cdr. Munro, J. H. McHardy.
- 10.50 P. E. Annis, J. W. Clague.
- 11.00 J. W. Maynew, E. H. McKee.
- 11.10 R. H. Gregory, P. S. Delany.
- 11.20 G. C. Nicholson, L. Ingram.
- 11.30 Major Johnstone, L. C. Linton.
- 11.40 W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy.

Monday OLD COURSE

- 9.10 L. R. Andrews, T. Megarry.
- 9.20 G. C. Worrall, H. R. Wynn-Mon.
- 9.30 W. N. A. C. Mrs. Smiley.
- 9.40 Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Matthews.
- 9.50 Mrs. Streele, P. Kins, Mrs. Matthews.
- 10.00 Mrs. Worrall, F. A. M. Mack.
- 10.10 H. R. Gregory, L. S. L. Progen.
- 10.20 A. V. & Mrs. Greaves.
- 10.30 J. C. Brown, L. Jackson.
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Reds Reinroduce Censorship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Press Bureau of the Soviet Foreign Office has announced that censorship of press despatches will be re-established at 10 o'clock on Friday morning.

It is recalled that censorship was instituted at the outbreak of the Revolution and abolished in March this year, when M. Molotov succeeded M. Litvinov as Foreign Minister. It is not yet certain whether or how far this new order will include censorship of telephone calls upon which the previous censorship authorities were rather lax.

Russo-Japanese Conversations

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Soviet Foreign Committee, M. Molotov, and Mr. Togo, the Japanese Ambassador, held a meeting on Wednesday night, discussing for four hours trade and the Fishery Convention which expires on Sunday.

It is not known what progress was made.

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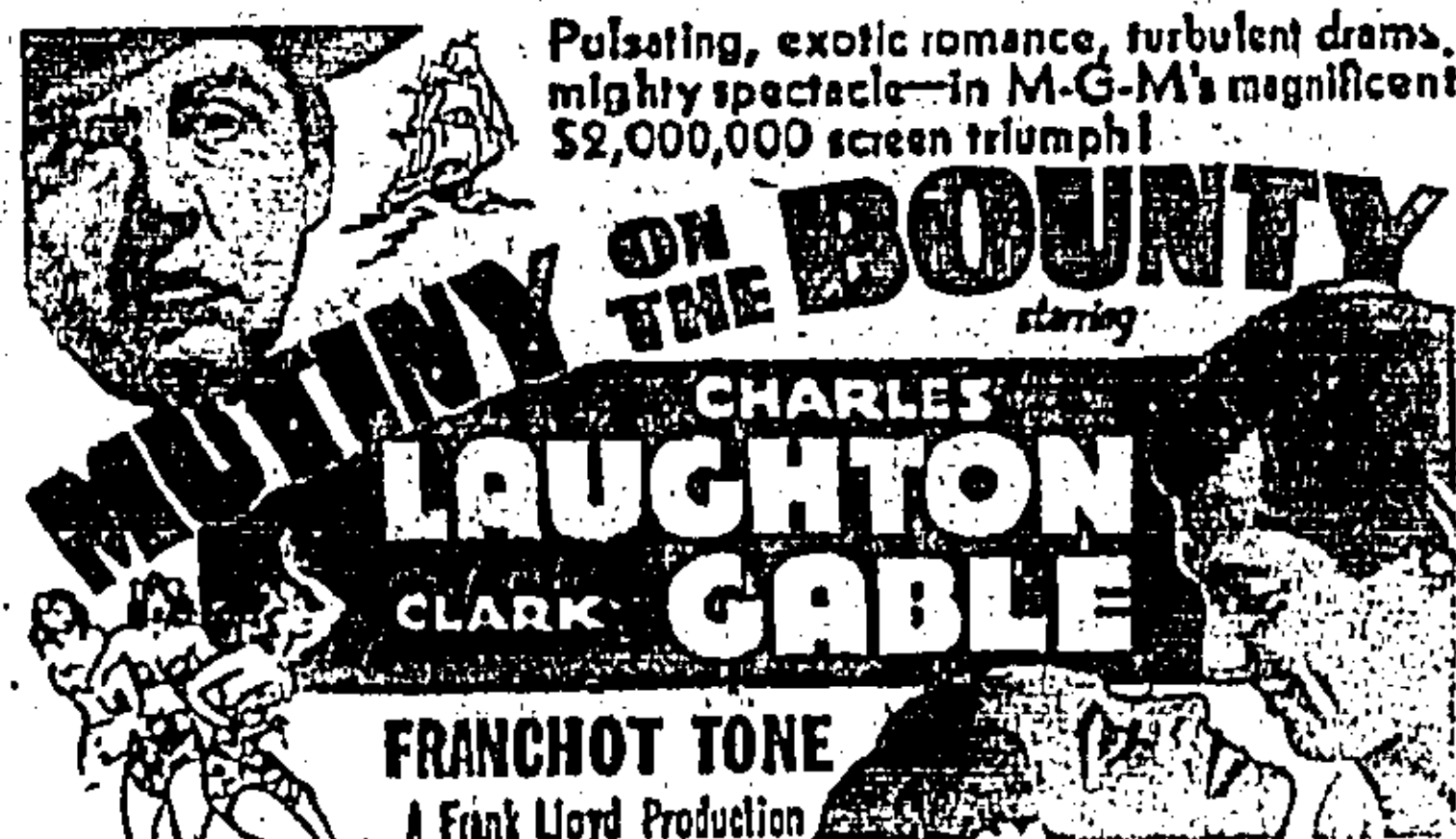
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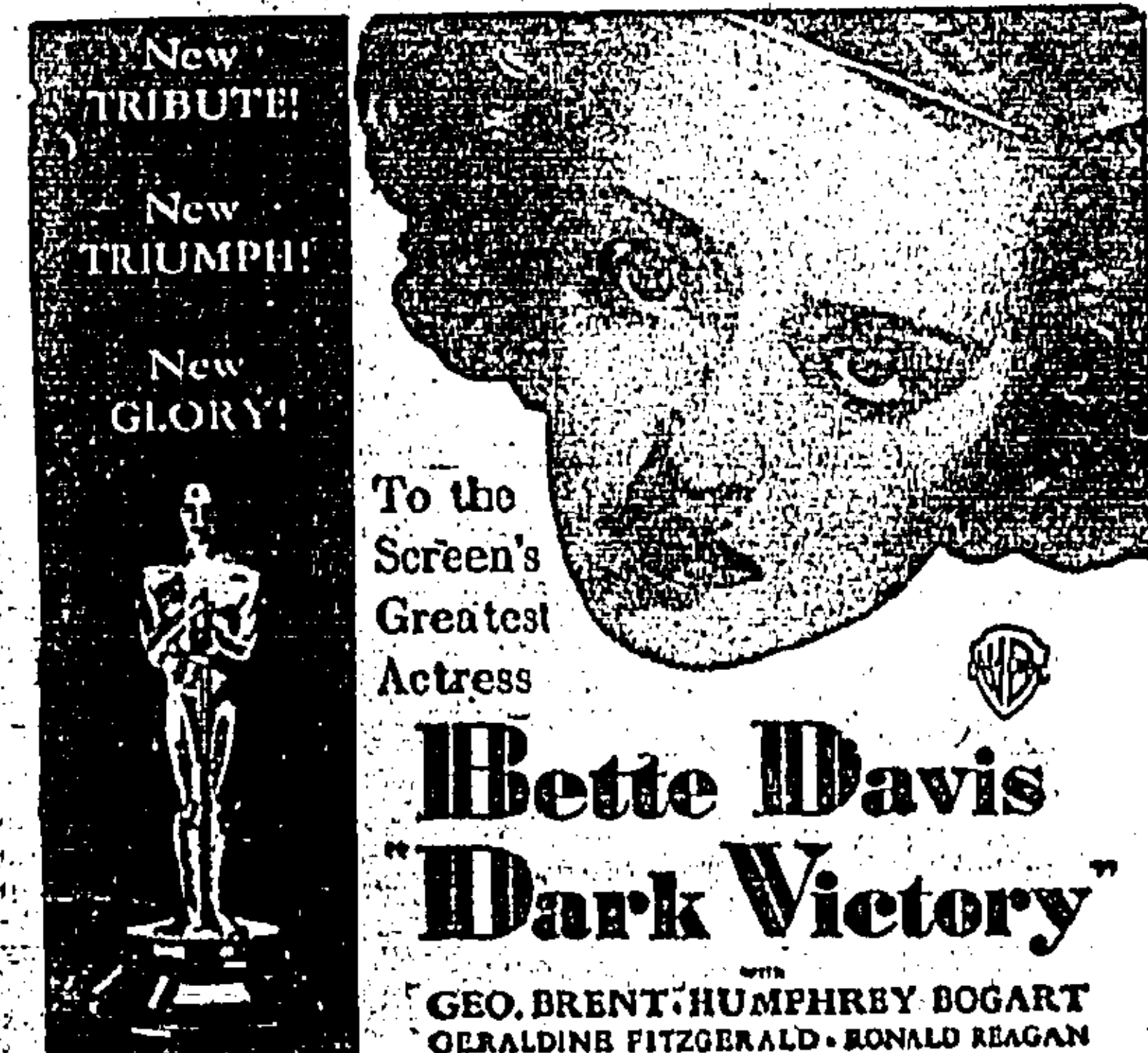
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Ship Sunk In 90 Seconds Deptford Tragedy Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The full story of the sinking of the British steamer Deptford (4,000 tons) which was torpedoed in Norwegian waters on December 14, was made available to-day.

It reveals that when torpedoed, she was within half a mile of the Norwegian coast. The ship sank in 90 seconds with the loss of 32 out of 37 of the crew and also two Norwegian pilots.

Some survivors were picked up by the Norwegian motor-boat Farida, the captain of which states that he saw the submarine's conning tower break surface between the Deptford and land.

Survivors' Stories

LONDON, Dec. 28 (British Wireless).—Evidence of definite use of neutral territorial waters for preying upon shipping in defiance of all principles of international law is contained in the testimony of survivors from the British steamer, Deptford, one of three ships torpedoed in neutral waters.

Such a case might arise in bad weather if the ship attacked was close to the coast. In the case of the torpedoing of the Deptford, the U-boat could not possibly plead navigational mistake. Visibility was excellent and the Deptford was less than half a mile from the high coast line.

Even more damning is the statement of the Captain of the Farida, who said that he saw the conning tower of the submarine break surface and the ship was between the Deptford and the land.

The Norwegian coast in that neighbourhood is deeply indented and has an ideal place for a submarine—careless of the locality of its proceedings—to lie under water awaiting her chance, and there is little doubt that these were the tactics adopted by the U-boat concerned in the torpedoing of the Deptford.

It was only two days before that the Greek steamer, Garoufalia, had been torpedoed without warning in Norwegian territorial waters, while four days before that the British Thomas Walton had been torpedoed without warning off Narvik when well inside neutral territorial waters.

U.S.S.R. GROWING MORE FOOD

Radio Proudly Gives Latest Figures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Moscow radio gave prominence last night to the statement by M. Pronin, Vice-Commissioner of the Food Industry, in which he claimed that the Soviet Union food production had considerably increased this year and that a further increase was ensured next year.

M. Pronin stated that the Soviet output of bread in 1939 exceeded that of 1938 by 1,720,000 tons; the production of vegetable oils had increased by 51,000 tons; macaroni by 72,000 tons and champagne by 2,000,000 bottles.

Numerous new bread, sugar and tinned food factories will be opened next year.

The sugar production will be increased by 39 per cent, and the output of tinned food by 17 per cent.

Sent To Japanese Occupied Area

—Banisher's Excuse

That he had been wrongly sent just across the Hongkong border to Nantao, into Japanese occupied territory, and that he could make his way from that town to Canton, was the excuse given by Hui Chin, 49, when he was charged before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning with returning from banishment.

Hui was expelled from the Colony for 10 years on December 17. He was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

BOY SAVES SIX MEN

New Epic Of The Sea Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Six survivors of the torpedoed British ship, Arlington Court, were saved through the skill of an 18-year-old boy, it was learned in London to-day.

At Tiller For 6 Days

He and six others got into a water-logged lifeboat and he was the only one who knew how to navigate her. He kept at the boat's tiller for six days, steering her by means of a small compass until he brought them into a busy shipping lane, where they were picked up by a passing ship.

Children Give Play

Scaforth's Party Entertain Corps O' Signals

The Corps of Signals held their annual families' Christmas treat in "A" Block, Victoria Barracks, yesterday.

The main item on the programme was a one-act play entitled "Susie Pays a Visit," given by the children of the Scaforth Highlanders. This was very well received by the audience which included the C.S.O., Col. Collins, the O.C., Major Levett and other officers of the unit.

Cliff's honours went to Pat and Tony Cottle who took the leading parts as Susie and John, both of whom acted with skill and talent.

The others in the cast were Bertie Haynes, Molly Haynes, Sidney Webb, Jimmy Haynes, Sally Haynes, Ian Mackay, Jean Mayne, Jimmy Hamilton.

Games, presents and refreshments in plenty gave the children a most enjoyable afternoon.

The play was produced by Sgt. C. R. Grant, of the Scaforth, assisted by L. Col. Meek. It has so far been given to parties of R.A., Stanley, R.E.s and R.A.S.C. and has been booked for R. A. (Stonecutters) on January 3.

LATE NEWS

Austin Road Tragedy

Police Theory Is Not Substantiated

A semi-military funeral is to be given this afternoon to the late Stephen Michael Tracey, who was found dead in his room on the second floor of 134 Austin Road, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon. Though the outcome of the post mortem is not yet known, there is reason to believe that the original police theory of suicide will not be substantiated, and that Tracey died from natural causes.

Mr. Tracey became ill on Wednesday night after dinner and was too sick yesterday to go to work. He appeared to be suffering from fever. He remained in bed all day, but his death occurred late in the afternoon with unexpected suddenness.

The most afflicted person in Hongkong will be Miss Thelma Webster, whom Mr. Tracey was to have married late in January.

Formerly In R.A.S.C.

Mr. Tracey was formerly a Company Sergeant Major in the R.A.S.C. and had lately been employed as a civilian clerk with the Office in Charge of Brackets in Hongkong, Captain E. Ellmore. He had been in the East—Singapore, India, and Hongkong—for 18 years and came to Hongkong about 18 months ago. He was about 40 years of age.

He enlisted in the last war in March, 1917, and served both in France and in India, being in the latter country at the time of his discharge. His mother and father are dead and he has no relatives in the Colony; it is not known whether he has any relatives overseas.

His funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day on its way to the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Happy Valley. R.A.S.C. warrant officers and sergeants will be the bearers and a Royal Scots bugler will be in attendance.

Flight Over Germany

One British Plane Fails To Return

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. carried out a successful reconnaissance flight over north-west Germany.

One plane did not return. Other air activity included an attack on German ships when, despite fierce A.A. fire, one bomb at least was seen to hit the stern of one vessel.

In two cases elsewhere three Dornier flying boats were put to rout. There were no British casualties.

German Claims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Dec. 28 (UP).—The official news agency reports that Lieut. Col. Karl Schumacher, piloting a pursuit plane, shot down an R.A.F. bomber over the German coast to-day.

Schumacher commanded the squadron which the Germans claimed brought down 36 R.A.F. planes on December 10.

The news agency also reports that the German patrols increased their activity on the western front with "good results."

Another report said that, despite bad weather, the Germans carried out reconnaissance flights over the English coast on Wednesday.

Air Ministry Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, December 28 (UP).—The Air Ministry announces: "The Royal Air Force carried out successful reconnaissance flights over north-west Germany on December 27. One British plane has not returned."

GRACIE FIELDS CHEERS TROOPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Gracie Fields has arrived in the B.E.F. area.

"Reuter's" special correspondent with the British Army telephones that Gracie was facing another cheering audience shortly after her arrival. She then appeared in a second show before hurrying away to entertain troops in the rearward area.

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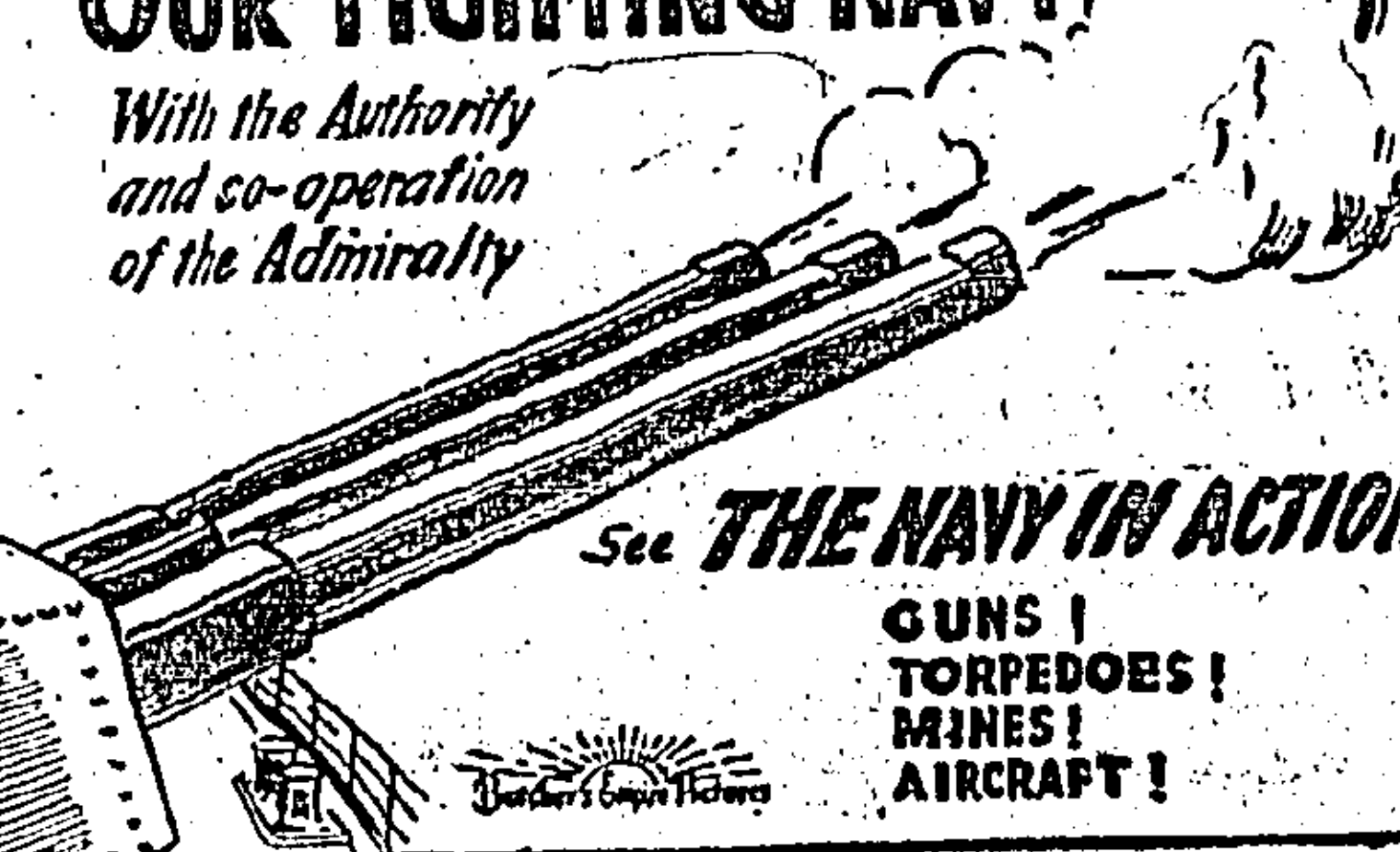
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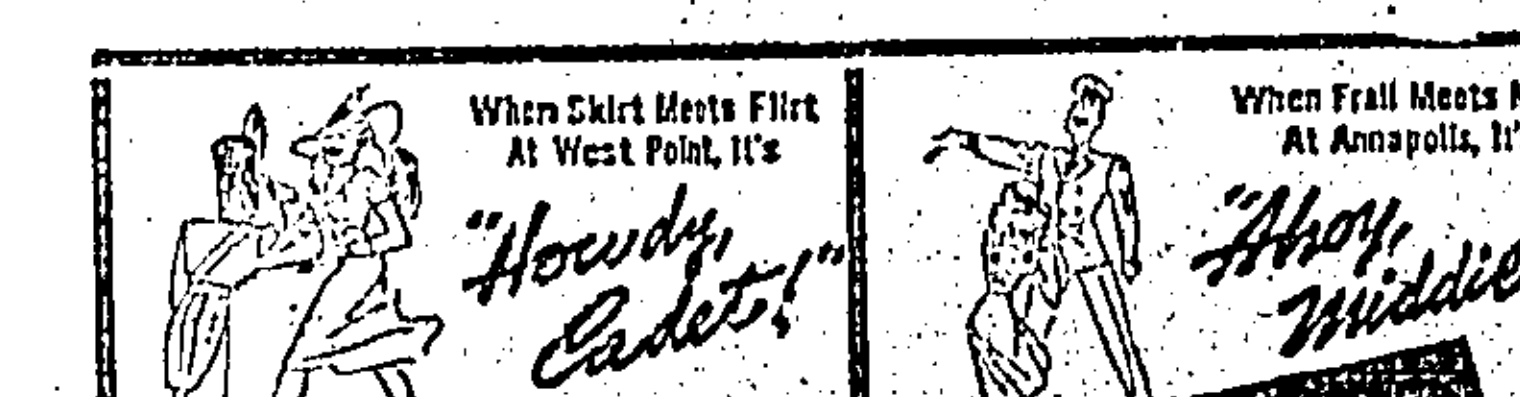
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